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OF
ENGLAND.

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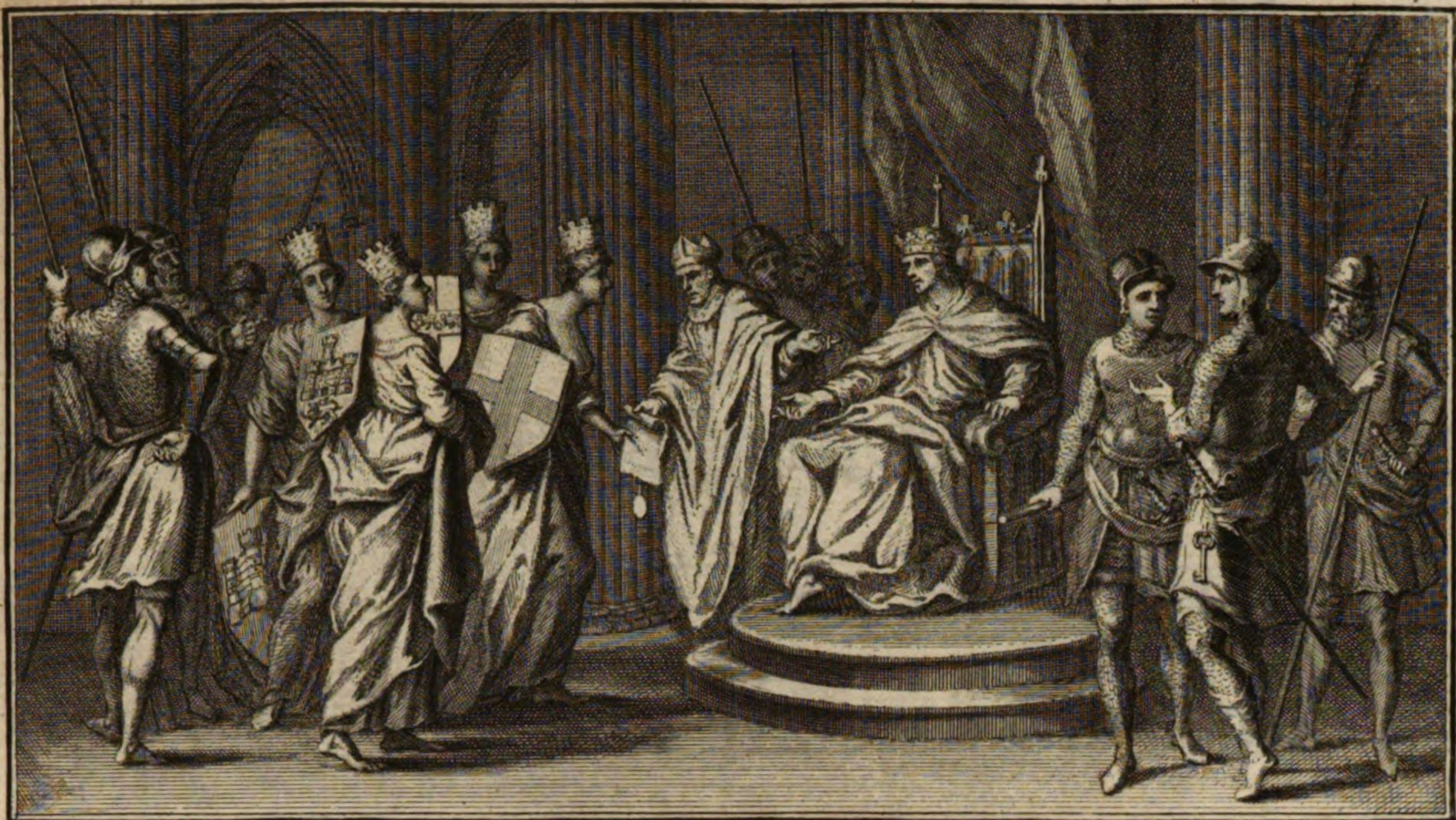
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TO THE
KINGS
MOST EXCELLENT
MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



Come with lively
sentiments of Af-
fection and Duty,
to lay this Book
at Your Royal
Feet.

DEDICATION.

Feet. It manifesteth some Rights which were never yet judicially separated from Your Imperial Crown. In writing it, I had nothing so much in view as the Honour and Service of Your Majesty. To those Two Ends I have devoted the remainder of my life : And am secure that in rightly pursuing them, I cannot fail of doing what will be for the Honour and Service of the Publick. That which is for the Service of a Good Prince is for the Welfare of a Dutiful People. This is verified in Your most Gracious Majesty; Who desire to enjoy or exercise no Prerogatives,
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but such as are for the Honour of Your Government, and the Good and Safety of Your Subjects.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Throne is the Throne of Ancient Kings, and the Fountain from whence those municipal Liberties have flowed, which cherish and enliven the Cities Towns and Communities of Your Realm. Those Communities have been cultivated and improved in past ages by the Munificence of Your Royal Ancestours Kings of *England*; and have greatly thriven under their Benign Influence:
afluence:

DEDICATION.

fluence: Infomuch that some of the Towns have grown into Large and Flourishing Cities; and the rest have lived in Plenty and Ease. The like Benign Influence is still dispensed by Your Serene Majesty, aswell to those Communities, as likewise to all the rest of Your Loyal Subjects.

Long may Your Royal Majesty live to govern Your Realms with Wisdom and Equity, Prosperity and Honour. Long may You reign in the Hearts of Your People, and have an Absolute Power over their Affections.

For

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For the rest ; Long may Your
Royal Heirs in succeeding ages
sway the Scepters of Your Re-
nowned Kingdomes. I am with
stedfast Loyalty,

*May it please Your
Gracious Majesty,*

Your Majesties most

Dutiful Subject and

Devoted Servant,

Thomas Madox.

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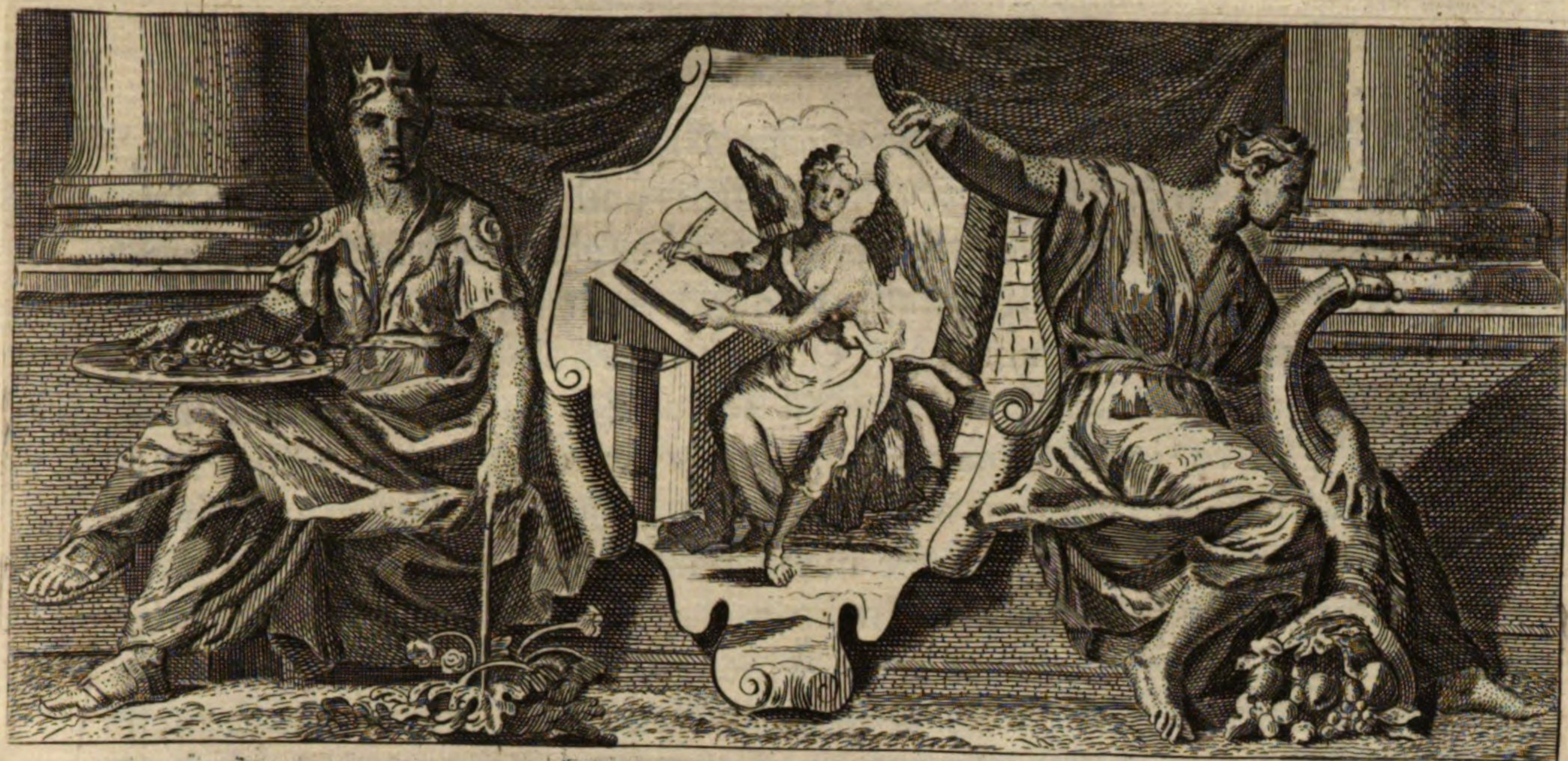
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P R E F A C E.

I.  E that would write a Book useful to the Publick should be duely apprized of the State of That part of Learning to which his Subject relates. He should know all that others have written concerning it; and how to amend supply and improve what they have delivered. But it is absolutely necessary that he should be furnished with Solidity of Judgment, at least to such a degree as may enable him to produce something worthy to be regarded by intelligent persons. Book-learning is of low use in human life, unless it helpeth to make men prudent and judicious.

II. If men know a thing onely in parts, their knowledg of it is imperfect. It is like the knowledg of Children. As to the present subject, we should endeavour to know the Primitive or Ancient state of Cities and Towns, their Middle state, and their Modern or Present state. Then we Know a thing neatly, when we Know it in its Beginning, its Progress, and its Subsequent state.

III. Whoso desireth to discourse in a proper manner concerning Corporated Towns and Communities, must take-in a great variety of matter, and should be allowed a great deal of Time and Preparation. The subject is extensive and difficult. In *England* much hath been said by Writers to Puzzle and entangle, little to Clear it. Insomuch that when I first entred upon discussing onely One part or branch of it, namely the Theme of this Essay, I found my self encompassed with Doubts. It hath been my endeavour to remove or lessen those Doubts as I went along. When I begun to write this Book, I intended it should make onely a Pamflet in *Folio*. But I miscomputed.

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As soon as I looked more narrowly into my Manuscript Collections, I found There many copies of Records and Authenticks, which seemed necessary to be inserted, in order to explain and adorn the subject. As I went on in this Essay, I found fresh springs of Discourse; and many knots to be untied. Upon the whole, I resolved to let the Essay take its course, and extend to such a bulk as reason might require. I have indeed many things to say concerning Cities and Towns, which are not contained in this Volume. But as-yet those things are not in readiness to be made publick; and must be reserved for a Future Work, namely to make a Part or Branch of the *Feudal History and Customier of England*, which I have upon my hand. In the mean time, this Volume is presented to the Publick as a Branch of That History. In the Future Work just above mentioned, I shall endeavour to supply what may be wanted or expected in This. And Then the present Book and that which is to follow, being put-together, may peradventure make a passable History of the Cities Towns and Buroughs of *England*. The Reader knoweth well, that many times such things as are difficult or critical, are Done most to advantage, when they are Done by Degrees.

IV. Throughout this Work I have mixed History and Dissertation together. I have tried to strengthen my Dissertation with History, and to diversify my History with Dissertation. This is a method which hath been pursued successfully by others. *Adrien de Valois*, a very Learned man, hath written in Three Volumes the *Gesta Veterum Francorum*. He hath performed it in a very handsome manner; but so, that it may well be deemed an Historical Dissertation; as *Monsieur Le Gendre* hath rightly observed (a).

V. Although in this Work the narration is written in *English*, yet many times the Notes subjoined to a Record or historical Piece which happens to be vouched therein, are written in *Latin*. Which seemeth to be a breach of uniformity (b). The reason of That is, Because at the time when I first collected That Record or historical Piece (which perhaps was many years ago), I wrote short notes at the foot of it in *Latin*, of what I then thought necessary to be remembred concerning it; And when I came to insert it in This or another Work, I did not count it worth the while to alter or translate the Notes so written. Add to this, That I found or fancied the subjoined Notes might be expressed in *Latin* in fewer words than in *English*. Another reason is, because by long use I have been brought, almost unawares, to write such annotations in *Latin*.

VI. Sometimes

(a) *Hadriani Valesii Gesta Veterum Francor. Edit. Lut. Par. AD 1646* & 1658. *Et vid. Hist. de France par Mons. Le Gendre Vol. 1. tit. Des Historiens, p 5. edit. a Paris 1718.*

(b) *As in the Convention between the Canons of St Martin London and the Guild of Sadlers; ch. 1. sect. 8. In the Charter of K Henry III to the Men of Kent; ch. 2. sect. 7. &c.*

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VI. Sometimes I produce Proofs of things which may seem not to want proof. I do so for several reasons. One reason is, I hold it convenient to make every thing Plain and Certain. The more evident and cleer we make things, the better. For that which in One age is counted Certain, in another age is called in question. There are some persons in every age, who will take upon them to Deny what most other men do judg Plain and incontestable; or will require a proof of it from their Opponent. Against such persons it is best to come armed with Proofs. Another reason is, I would not entirely rely on my own opinion. Perhaps I may think That proposition Plain or Certain, which another man thinks to be Doubtful or precarious. Therefore let its Certainty be estimated by the strength of the Proof brought to support it. In truth, I desire to know the sentiments of the Wiser sort of men who lived in the ages past, and their Rule of practice. I set a great value on them, even in plain cases. Perhaps some of my Readers may do so too. When I find, that intelligent persons living in a Former age or Distant Countrey, reasoned as I do, and fell into the same sentiments and conclusions, I am at once instructed and confirmed. It is true, this method makes a man look as if he suspected the strength of the Readers understanding or judgment. But I do expressly disown That imputation. In truth, I constantly take pen in hand with a respectful regard to the Superiour knowledg of the Learned Reader.

VII. In ancient times it was the manner for Clerks to write with Contractions or Breviatures. Sometimes those Contractions made the Lction obscure or doubtful. When I copy and exhibite Records so written, I have generally added the terminations of the words contracted, that is to say, I set-down the word so far as it is written *in totidem literis* by the Clerk, and then do add the termination of the word in hooks or crochets. For example. Where it is written in the Record, *Et in Liberationibus servientium qui custodiunt Com.*, I add the termination, and write it *Com[item]*. When it is written, *Et in Pannis Com. Normann.*, I add the ending of the words in crochets, and make it *Com[itis] Normann[ia]* (c). When it is written, *In Elem. noviter const.*, I add the terminations in hooks, saying *In Elem[osyna] noviter const[ituta]*; So, for *in minutis Liberat. const.*, I set-down, *in minutis Liberat[ionibus] const[itutis]*; and for *in Liberat. Willelmi filii Ott.*, I write *in Liberat[ione] Willelmi filii Ott[onis]* (d). Thus the Reader seeth what the Clerk wrote in the Record, and what is added in the hooks. By which means he is enabled to judg for himself, Whether I give him the right lection or not. This method was taken in the *History of the Exchequer*, as is hinted There (e); and is pursued throughout the present Work. Likewise, if a word in a Record is defaced by Time or Chance; or if the Clerk who wrote the Record left-

(c) *Firma Burgi* ch. 9. sect. 3.

(d) *Ibid.* ch. 9. sect. 3.

(e) *Pref. epistle* p. 6.

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out a word by oversight; in such case, where it was manifest or might be known with an easy guess, what the word so defaced or left-out was, I add or supply such word; but in crochets; that the Reader may know it is a word supplied.

VIII. Let us observe the Various manner used in Records of writing the Names of Cities and Towns in *England*. The observation of this is useful Two ways, As it may serve to prevent exceptions for Misnomer, and as it may help to cure or take-away the mean shift of using dashes or breviations, which serve to cover ignorance and propagate uncertainty. To the instances set-down in the body of this Book, concerning several Towns and Cities of *England*, I will here add a few relating to *London*, *York*, and *Bristol*. *London* hath been styled, in the reign of K *Henry I*, *Londonia* and *Lundonia* (f); in the reign of K *Henry II*, *Londonia* and *Lundonia* (g); in the reign of K *Richard I*, *Londonia* (h), and *Lundonia* (i); in the reign of K *John*, *Londonia* (k), and *Londonia* plurally (l); in the reign of K *Henry III*, *Londonia* and *Lundonia* (m); in the reign of K *Edward I*, *Londonia* (n). From the time of K *Edward I*, down to the recent ages, the name
Londonia

(f) Robertus filius Leuestani reddit compotum de xvi^l, de Gilda Telariorum Londoniæ; In thesauro liberavit; Et quietus est. *Mag. Rot. anni incerti Hen. I. Rot. 15. a.*

Formulare Anglic. Formula 61, 65.

(g) *Hist. Excheq. p 231. col. 2. & alibi passim.*

(h) Cives Londoniæ debent C & Lxviii^l & xvs & id, de pluribus exercitiis & Donis & Auxiliis Civitatis Londoniæ. *Mag. Rot. 1 Ric. I. Rot. 13. a. This Debt standeth also in charge in the same words, in Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. I. Rot. 12. b. and in Mag. Rot. 3 Ric. I. Rot. 11. a.*

(i) Londonia & Middelfexa. Cives Lundoniæ, Nicolaus Duket & Robertus Blundus pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC libris Bl[ancorum], de firma Londoniæ & Middelfexæ. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. I Rot. 11. a.*

(k) Cives Londoniæ, Henricus de Sancto Albano & Serlo Mercerius pro eis, reddunt compotum de firma Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ. *Mag. Rot. 9 Joh. Rot. 5. b.*

(l) Eustacius Abbas de Dorkecestria [debet] dimidiam marcā, ut scribatur in Magno Rotulo, quod Joseph filius Galfridi as puinz dedit & concessit & carta sua confirmavit, Deo & Ecclesiæ Sancti

Petri de Dorkecestria, & Canonicis ejusdem Ecclesiæ, quadraginta solidos de redditu suo in Londoniis, quos Hugo de Dol & Cristina mater ejus annuatim tenentur reddere, & quod postea totum jus suum in hæreditate sua in Londonia, quod ab antecessoribus suis ad ipsum Joseph descendit, prædictis Abbati & Canonicis dedit & concessit in puram & perpetuam elemosinam, Habendum & tenendum ita libere & quiete, sicut illud unquam aliquis antecessorum suorum melius & liberius tenuit, postquam fuerit de Cristina matre sua deliberatum. *Mag. Rot. 15 Joh. Rot. 1. b. tit. Oxenefordscira.*

(m) Londonia Middelfexia. Cives Lund[oniæ] attornaverunt Robertum filium Johannis & Walterum de Wyntoniam, ad respondendum pro eis ad Scaccarium pro prædictis comitatibus. *Mich. Communia 14 Hen. 3. Rot. 1. a.*

Lond[onia]. Major & Cives Lund[oniæ] habent diem ad diem Veneris proximo post festum Sancti Andreæ, ad vocandum Dominum Regem ad warantum de hoc quod ipsi dicunt, quod Rex præcepit, quod naves deferentes piscem applicarent ubi vellent, vel ad reddendum Domino Regi faisinam. *Mich. Communia 14 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. a.*

Cives Lundoniæ debent MM marcas de talliagio ad relaxationem Interdicti. *Memor. 14 Hen. 3. Rot. 14. a.*

(n) *Hist. Exch. p 608, 609.*

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Londonia hath, as I take it, been constantly used in Records (o). And even at this day the City of *London* is constantly written in Records *London*, with a dash or mark of Contraction for *London[ia]*. In the modern ages, men have brought other names into use. They have called *London* by the name of *Londinum*, or *Londinium*. I do not know from whence they took these names; whether from the *Itinéraires* which are handed about, containing an account of the marches camps or stations of the *Romans* in *Britaine*, or from other books. Nor is it, I think, material where men had them. For the names *Londinum* or *Londinium* were never currently if at all used in the Records of this Kingdom. And I do apprehend, we need not be solicitous to know How Foreigners, either *Romans* or others, have styled *London*, or any other Cities or Towns of *England*. In these cases, the Records of this Kingdom are the best and most useful guide.

The City of *York* is styled in *Domesday-book*, *Eboracum*, *Euruic*, and *Eboraca* (p); in the reign of K *Henry I*, *Everwic* (q); in the reign of K *Henry II*, *Everwic* and *Eboracum* (r); in the reign of K *Edward I*, *Eboracus* (s); and in the reigns of the succeeding Kings, *Eboracum*.

The City or Town of *Bristol* was styled, in the reign of K *Henry II*, *Bristou* (t); in the reign of K *Richard I* and *John*, *Bristou* and *Bristo* (tt); in the reign of K *John* and *Henry III*, *Bristollum* (u); in the reign of K *Henry III*, *Bristollium* (w); in the reign of K *Edward I*, *Bristollum* and *Bristollia* (x); in the reign of K *Edward II* *Bristollia* (y); in the reign of K *Edward III*, *Bristollia* (z); in fine, *Bristollum* or *Bristollia*, in the reign of K *Henry IV* (a), and in the succeeding ages.

IX. The

(o) *Firma Burgi* cap. 9. passim.

(p) Dr Gales excerpts out of *Domesday-book* at the end of his xv *Scriptores*; p 774, 775.

(q) *Burgenses de Everwic reddunt compotum de xxiiii l & xiii s & iiii d, de Placitis G de Clint[ona] & Soc[iorum] ejus. In thesauro liberaverunt. Et Quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. anni incerti Hen. I. Rot. 3. a. Everwicscira.*

(r) *Hist. Exch.* p 233. col. 1.

(s) In the Great Roll for *Yorkshire*, the County is written at the top of the Roll, *Ebor.* contracted; and at the tail of the same Roll, in large letters, *Eboracus*. *Mag. Rot.* 18 *Edw. I.* in *Rotulo principali*.

Eboracus. This is a Title for *Yorkshire* in the *Principal Roll* for That County. *Mag. Rot.* 20 *Edw. I.*

Item *Eboracus & Cumberlaund*. This is a Title in the tail of the Great Roll post *Salop. & Staff.* It is written There

in capital letters. *Ib. viz. Mag. Rot.* 20 *Edw. I.*

(t) *Hist. Excheq.* p 274, col. 2. y. *Firma Burgi* ch. 1. sect. 6.

(tt) *Bristou*. *Engelardus de Ciconiaco*, *Ricardus Burgeis* pro eo, reddit compotum de C & xlv l de firma de *Bristo*. *Mag. Rot.* 13 *Joh. Rot.* 12. b. *Glocesterscira*.

(u) — *Davidis la Warre de Bristollo*. — tunc *Constabulario Bristolli*. *Formulare Angl. Formula* 110. p 57. § *Form.* 46. p 26.

(w) *Compotus de Bristollio*. *Mag. Rot.* 7 *Hen. 3.* *Rot.* 3. b.

(x) *Hist. Exch.* p 157 col. 2. m.

(y) *Hist. Exch.* p 537. col. 2. u.

(z) *Glouc.* De *exonerando Ballivos Bristollia de exitibus terrarum of a certain Custody*. *Pas. Communia* 42 *Edw.* 3. *Rot.* 8.

(a) *Bristoll[ia]*. The Liberty of the City

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IX. The Historical Learning will be slowly improved, if men who employ their studies that way do content themselves to write and publish onely Farragos, that is to say, bare copies of Rolls and Membranes. Properly, these are not History; but Materials for it (b). To copy and publish these, amounteth to little more than Manual Labour; and doth not come-up to the character of an Historian. If a man desireth to profit others, and to improve historical Knowledg, Let him collect as great a Treasure as he can of Records and Authenticks, Let him connect them and digest them into Historical Discourse, Let him explain compare and illustrate them with Candour and Judgment, Let him use them for Proofs and testimonies to support what he writes. He will do a thing useful to the Publick, if out of Them he can extract True history, if out of Them he can supply what is wanting in other Histories, amend what is erroneous or fallacious, illustrate what is obscure, reconcile what seemeth discordant, in a word discover and in some measure establish truth or certainty. Let these things be his chief Care. And in amassing of Collections, let him aim at these Ends. It will be more for the service of Learning, to write a little in this way, than to lay before the Publick a huge Mass of miscellaneous uncemented Collections.

X. In every Work of mine I have endeavoured, as far as it was practicable, to avoid printing any thing that is already printed; and if I make use of any Notion or Quotation which hath been published by another Authour, I take as much care as I can to Do Right to such Authour by referring to his Book. I have not, to the best of my knowledge, borrowed either the Notions or Citations of any other Author covertly. Nevertheless, contrary to my expectation, a thing hapned which for a time gave me some disquiet. It was this. About six or seven years ago a Gentleman of the *Middle Temple* spoke to me after this manner. “*Mr Madox*, in the History of the Exchequer “ you have given an account, Who was the Author of the Manuscript Dialogue concerning the Exchequer, which hath commonly “ been attributed to *Gervasius Tilburienfis*. I answered; “ I have taken some pains to put-together all things that I could find relating “ to That enquiry. He replied; “ But *Mr Anstis* says, He was the “ First man that put it into Print, that *Ricardus filius Nigelli* was the “ true

City Is Allowed to the Citifens, by Judgment of the Court. *Placita coram Rege Pas. 2 Hen. 4. Rot. 8. tit. Rex.*

(b) Accordingly, several Gentlemen in France, when they published Historical Collections consisting of Copies of Records, memorials, or authentiques, have entituled them, Collections serving for History. Thus Monsieur Perards Collections are entituled, *Recueil de plusieurs Pieces curieuses servant a l'histoire de Bourgogne.* Par Messire Estienne Perard.

A Paris, 1664. They are in Folio. The Collections of another (an Anonymous) Editor, printed in Folio, are entituled, *Recueil de diverses Pieces pour servir a l'Histoire*; 1635. And when Monsieur Denys Godefroy published Monsieur Le Feons Account of the Connestables and other Great Officers of the Crown of France, in a Large Folio, he styleth his Historical Collections relating to the same, *Recueil de diverses Pieces pour l'Histoire des Connestables*, p 54, &c. It is printed at Paris, 1658.

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“ true Author of That Dialogue. Said I; *Mr Anstis* never hinted this to me; and I do not at present know what he can mean by “ it.

As to this matter, I must beg leave to trouble the Reader with a Digression in my own Defence. *Mr Anstis* is a Gentleman with whom I have been long acquainted, and for whom I have all the respect that is due to a person of his merit. But this case is of such a nature, that it behoveth me to Do my self Right in my life-time; lest somebody should hereafter endeavour to stain my memory with the imputation of Stealing other mens Learning. It seems *Mr Anstis* thought He was the First that published this Discovery in Print. And I thought I was the First. But, so far as relateth to the Testimony or Words extant in the *Red Book* of the Exchequer, both *Mr Anstis* and I were mistaken. For example. In the year 1614, *Mr Selden* published a Book in quarto, entituled, *Titles of Honor*. In several places of this Book *Mr Selden* citeth the *Dialogue concerning the Exchequer* by the name of *Gervasius Tilburienfis*. But in his Table of Authors, at the end of the Book he rectifieth his mistake; and declareth that *Gervasius Tilburienfis* was not, but *Richard* Bishop of London was, the authour of That Dialogue. And he confesseth he received this information from *Mr Agard* (c). In the year 1702, *Mr Anstis* printed a Little Piece in octavo, entituled, “ *Curia Militaris*, or a Treatise of the Court of Chivalry, in Three “ Books.” In this Piece he layeth-down a Plan of the Large Work which he then designed to write concerning the Court of Honour. And this Piece was to be an Introduction to the said Large Work. The same Worthy Gentleman, in the year 1703, published another stitched Piece entituled, “ *Letters to a Peer, concerning the Honour of Earl- “ Marshall.*” And I do not know that he had then published any other book besides those two. For the space of several years before I wrote my *Epistolary Dissertation*, both these Pieces had lain hidd out of my sight and remembrance. However, in the year of writing this Preface, I directed a person to look-over both these Tracts, to see what could be found in them relating to *Gervase of Tilbury* or the *Antiquus Dialogus*. Upon search, we found in the *Curia Militaris* a clause importing that *Ricardus filius Nigelli* wrote the Book that commonly passed under the name of *Gervasius Tilburienfis* (d). The sum is this. In

(c) *Gervasius Tilburienfis*. With the common opinion, I took that Dialogus de negotiis Scaccarii, known by the name of the Black Book, to be written by this Gervase. But by the preface of Alexander Archdeacon of Shrewsburie to the Red-Book, it seems it was rather done by Richard Bishop of London (his name being Richard de Beaumes) under Henrie I [Mr Selden means Henry II]. The words of that Alexander are these: Cum neque Nigellus quondam Eliensis Episcopus Regis Henrici I Thesaurarius, vir

quidem in scientia Scaccarii plenius instructus, nec ejusdem Successor Officii Richardus Londoniensis Episcopus, licet in sui libelli tractatu superius multa de negotiis Scaccarii digereret &c. I confesse it was first observed to me by Mr Agard, a man known to be most painful, industrious, and sufficient in things of this nature. *Seldens Titles of Honor in quarto, edit. 1614; in the Table of Authors, ad vocem, Gervasius.*

(d) 'Tis true Sir H Spelman in his Gloss.

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In the *Red Book* of the Exchequer, I found all the Notices which in my *Epistolary Dissertation* I have put-together, concerning the *Antiquus Dialogus* and the Author of It. I found them There by Search and Study. And to the best of my knowledg, I did not borrow them or any part of them either from Printed book or Manuscript. In the said *Red-Book* either *Mr Agard*, *Mr Selden*, or any other man, might have found this small piece of Knowledg as well as I, if he had perused the *Red-Book* as diligently as I did. I ask the Readers pardon for making so long a digression upon a case relating to my-self. It is in my own necessary vindication.

XI. Lastly. The Reader must not expect to find any curious or refined Learning in this Book; in regard the subject matter of it is Low.

Gloss. p 300, 332, notes, that Gervasius Tilberiensis is not the genuine Author hereof (that is, of the *Red Book*); and certainly he is right in it; but it doth not any ways lessen the strength of my Argument, for that Book is as old as the Time here referred to, and was wrote by Richard Bishop of London the Son

and Successor of Nigellus Bishop of Ely in the Treasury, as is averred in the 47th Leaf of the *Red-Book*; which Richard was made Treasurer 1169 Hist. Eliens. p. 627. This I the rather here observe, because I do not remember it hath been hitherto taken notice of in publick. *Curia Militaris* &c, p 8.

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I.



IN the Systeme of Knowledge there are several Subjects which by evil chance are overspread with Errours or precarious Positions. It is of use to the Publick to discuss those Subjects, and separate the Metal from the Dross. That seems to be the case in relation to Corporate Towns or Communities. The Notions which at this Day Men generally entertain concerning Them, are so different from the Notions which our Ancestors seem to have had, that it may be worth the while to enquire into the True state of That Matter, and to rectify our Opinions upon this Subject, if they are found to be erroneous.

II. At present I design to state and consider one Case or Question relating to Cities Towns and Burghs, under several Heads. For Brevities sake those Heads shall run in the form of Propositions. But I desire they may be taken onely for Specimens or Essays, till I have made them good by sufficient Proofs. If I fail in Proof, the Propositions will fall to the Ground. The Case intended to be discussed is this. The King being seised of a Town in demeane and Inheritance in Right of his Crown, granteth the Town with the appurtenances to the Townsmen or Inhabitants, and their Heirs and Successors, in Fee-Ferm, that is to say, rendring a yearly Rent for ever. The succeeding Kings of *England*, from Heir to Heir, and from Predecessour to Successour, have been successively seised of the said Fee-Ferm in Inheritance, in right of their Crown, by the hands of the Townsmen for the time being. This Fee-Ferm is in Arrere and unpaid to the King. Upon the Case thus stated this Question ariseth, Whether particular Townsmen of that Town were heretofore responsible to the King in their Persons and Chatells for the said Ferm. In order to give some

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CH A P. light to this Question, I will endeavour to produce in this Volume apt Precedents from S E C T. I. Records. And I choose to be copious in producing them, because it giveth me an III. Opportunity of treating in a historical way concerning the Cities Towns and Burghs of *England*, of displaying their ancient and modern State, and, in fine, of laying before the Curious Reader several things which may be in some measure useful and instructive.

III. Before I proceed to balance the Question proposed, I must briefly explain the Terms which I here use, and likewise the Subject-Matter. The Terms, *City*, *Town*, and *Borough*, are in themselves intelligible enough for the Purpose of our present Disquisition. If any Man would know the various Senses in which the word *Burgh* hath been used in the *Francick* and *Alamannick* Countries in several past Ages, he may be informed by Glossographers (*a*), and other learned Writers (*b*). It sufficeth at present to consider in what Sense this word hath been ordinarily used in *England*. And in that respect it seems to want no other Explanation than such as may be drawn from the Records cited in the *History* of the *Exchequer* (*c*), and in this Volume (*d*). I will bring that matter into a narrow Compass. The Sum is this. In *England*, Cities have been styled in Records either *Civitas* or *Villa* or *Villata*, indifferently; Towns and Boroughs either *Burgum* and *Burgus*, or *Villa* or *Villata*, indifferently; the Citizens of a City, either *Cives*, *Homines*, or *Burgenses*; and the Men of a Borough, either *Homines* or *Burgenses*.

Monsieur *Littelton* saith, Boroughs are the most ancient Towns in *England*; for in old time Cities were Boroughs, and so called (*e*). The Truth of the Matter is this. *Burghes* might well be the most ancient Towns in *England*. It was according to the native Language of this Countrey to style them so. The *Anglosaxons* called a City as well as a Town, *Burb* or *Burgh*. *Burb* and *Ceastre* were the *Englisc* or *Anglo-saxon* Names for a City or Town. *London* (*f*), *Canterbury* (*g*), *Rome* (*h*), and other Cities (*i*) were by the *Anglosaxons* called *Burghs*. The like term was also used in the *Gothick* (*k*). In Conformity, the Men or Inhabitants either of a City or Town were commonly called by the *Anglosaxons*, *Burb-ware*, Men or *Burgesse*s of such a Place (*l*). And as this way of speaking was in use before the *Norman* Conquest, so it continued in use long after That Time.

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(a) *Spelm. Gloss. in Voce*, *Burgus*; & *alibi*.

(b) *Cluverii Germania antiq. Lib. I. p 110, 111, &c.*

(c) *Capp. 10, 15, 17, & passim.*

(d) *Cap. 6. passim.*

(e) Les ancient villes appelez Burghes sont les plus ancient villes que sont deins Engleterre, car ceux villes que ore sont Cities ou Counties, en ancient temps fueront Burghes & appellez Burghes, car de tielx anciens villes appellez Burghes veignent les Burgesse al Parliament, quant le Roy ad summon son Parliament. *Lit. Tenures cap. 10. Sect. 164.*

Doth this Worthe Gentleman here intimate, That Towns in *England* were called Boroughs, because they sent Burgesse to Parliament; or that sending of Burgesse to Parliament was a Proof or Token, that Boroughs were the most ancient Towns in *England*? If he means either of those two Things, the Student must take heed that he be not misledd.

(f) — is heora eoldor burh nemned Lunden-ceaster; their chief City named *London*. *Bedæ Hist. Eccl. p 116. editore Wheeloco Viro Benemerenti.*

— on tha burh festlice feohtende wæron; they fought stoutly against the City [of *Lundenbyrig*]. *Chron. Saxon. p 128. & passim; ex recensione Edmundi Gibsoni A. B. hodie Episcopi Londoniensis plurimum Reverendi.*

— othre Menn the cumeth & fareth into thære burh (*viz. of Lundene*). In *Charta*

Regis Hen. I. citata a M. Parkero Viro Reverendissimo, quondam Archiepiscopo Cantuar. in suis Antiquitat. Britann. viz. in Vita Anselmi.

(g) Se æresta Arcebiscop Cantwarena burge; the first Archbishop of the [Burge or] City of *Canterbury*. *Bedæ Hist. p 117; editore Wheeloco.*

(h) cccxxxv. Her Gotan abracon *Rome burh*; at this time the Goths plundered the *Burb* or City of *Rome*. *Chronolog. Saxon. p 507; editore Wheeloco.*

(i) Swa that ic do eowre burga weste and eowre stowe. So that I will lay-wast your Cities and Dwelling-places. *Leviticus, c. 26, v. 31. in Heptateucho Sax. Præstantis Viri Edwardi Thwaytesii.*

(k) Bi theh than netha was daura thizos baurgs; when he came near the Gate of the City (*viz. of Capernaum*). *Luc. cap. 7. v. 12. in Evangelio Gothico & Anglofaxonico Marecalli & Junii virorum clariss. Et paulo infra, a sinful Woman of the City, — in thifai baurg. Ib. v. 37.*

(l) Mid thifre scildigan burhware. *Gen. 19. v. 15. and ealle tha burhwara forbærnde ætgædere. Ib. v. 25.*

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And ealle tha burhwaran binnen *Lunden*; and all the Men or Burgesse within *London*. In *Charta Regis Willelmi I. facta Civibus Londoniæ. Hæc Charta citatur in libris compluribus; autographum nunquam vidi.*

CHAP. I. Every City was a Town; and upon Occasion was styled *Villa* or *Plata*. So it was in the Kingdom of *England*, in the Ages following the *Norman Conquest* (m). So it was also in *France*. The Cities There were ordinarily called *Ville*. *Paris* (n), *Bourges* an Archiepiscopal See (o), *Orleans* (p), *Diion* the Capital of *Burgundy* (q), *Clermont* in *Auvergne* (r), *Marseilles* in *Provence* (s), *Lyons* (t), and other Cities. In *France*, the Cities or larger Towns were often styled *bonnes Villes*; to distinguish them from smaller Towns (u). So also, the terms *Citizens* and *Burgesses* were in effect synonymous, as well in *England* (w), as likewise in many Parts of *France* (x).

IV. By *Fee-Ferm* is meant perpetual Ferm or Rent. In ancient time, both in *England* and *France*, *Ferm* signified *Rent*. I need not here give Instances that *Ferm* was used in That sense in *England*: There are many Proofs of it in this Volume and in other Books. The word was also used in that sense in *France*. In the Year 1282, an Accord was made between *Robert Duke of Burgundy* and the Community of the Town of *Diion*, whereby the Duke granted to the said Community the Viscountie of *Diion* in perpetual Ferm (y). And Land put to ferm was said to be *affirmed* or *arrented*. In the thirty third Year of *K Henry II*, the Pleas of the County of *Cestre* and of the Hundred of *Caldea* were *affirmed* at *xxi l* (z). In the first Year of *K John*, [the Manour of] *Bradestede* was affirmed at *xxxviii l per annum*, by *William*

(m) *Firma Burgi*, cap. 5. & passim. *Hist. Excheq. capp. 10, 11, 17, & passim.*

(n) Environ lan 1168, certains bons & notables Citoyens & Bourgeois de ceste bonne ville de *Paris* establirent une Confrairie en la bonne ville de *Paris*, qui est appelee, *La grande Confrairie Nostre Dame. Malingre Antiquitez de Paris*, p 57.

(o) Donne en nostre ville de *Bourges* —. sub *AD 1422. Hist. de la Maison Dauvergne*, par *Monf. Baluze*, Tom. 2. p 627.

(p) — le Maire & Eschevins de nostre ville *Dorleans*; sub *AD 1626. Hist. Dorleans par le Maire*, p 350. Et vid. *Hist. Dorleans passim.*

(q) — que li ville de *Diion* soit chargié mont —. sub *AD 1268. Recueil pour Bourgogne par Perard*, p 339. Et ib. p 369, sub *AD 1286. Et ib. passim.*

(r) *Concedimus omnibus hominibus & mulieribus presentibus & futuris Claromontensis Villæ & Civitatis* —; sub *AD 1220 Les Origines de la Ville de Clairmont*, par *Durand*, p 369. *Burgensium & habitantium Villæ & Civitatis Claromontensis*; sub *AD 1382. Ib. p 466.*

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(s) Que les *Marseillois* admectroient aus charges de Consuls — du corps de leur Ville. *Hist. de Marseille*, par *Ant. de Ruffi*, p 121.

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(t) *Judex Appellationum Villæ & Civitatis Lugduni. Menestrier Hist. de Lyon*, viz. *Preuves* p 151. col. 2. *AD 1341.*

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(u) Et plures alii Consules bonarum Villarum dictæ *Provinciæ* —. per gentes & communitates bonarum Villarum —. *Les Origines de la Ville de Clairmont*, p 467. Et autres Persones

des bonnes villes du dit pais — & communautéz des bonnes villes —. *Ib. p 468. ex instrumento dato 1382.*

This phrase was also used in *England* —, per quasdam Civitates & unas villas regni nostri Angliæ —. *Pat. 1 pc. 2. pars 5, m. 36, dorf.*

(w) *Firma Bur* cap. 5. cap. 6. &c.

(x) For Example. The Citizens of *Roan* in *Normandy* — several times called *Burgesses*; viz. In a Convention between the King of *France* and the Men of *Roan*, made *AD 1204. Inter Chart. Ducum Norm. apud Chesnium de Scriptor. Norm. p 1057, 1058.*

The Citizens of *Clermont* in *Auvergne* are styled *Bourgeois*. Comme il a pleu au Roy nostre Souverain Seigneur, donner Consulat aux Bourgeois & Citoyens de la Ville de *Clairmont* —. Item, iceux Bourgeois & Citoyens ont esté —. *Les Origines de Clermont*, p 391. ad *AD 1485.*

The Citizens of *Diion* in *Bourgogne* are called *Burgenses* —. Reconfirmavi *Burgensibus Divionis communiam suam* —. *Recueil pour Bourgogne*, by *Perard*, p 338. sub *AD 1198.* — *Burgensium & habitatorum villæ Divionis* —. *Ib. p 367. sub AD 1183.*

And in like manner the Citizens of *Paris*. — *Les Bourgeois de Paris. Antiquitez de Paris* by *Malingre*, p 674, 675, 676, 677, & passim.

(y) *Philippus Dei gratia Francorum Rex* —. Tandem accordatum fuit inter duas partes coram nobis hoc modo, videlicet, quod dictus *Dux* tradidit dictæ Communitati [viz. villæ *Divionensis*] dictum Vicecomitatum [*Divionensem*] ad perpetuam firmam pro mille librarum, persolvendarum ad Candelosam annuatim, scilicet quingentas perpetuo, & quingentas ad vitam ipsius Ducis —; & post eorundem Ducis & Ducissæ decessum, dicta Communitas persolvat eorum hæredibus dictas quingentas dicto termino. *Perard Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne*, p 394. *AD 1282.*

(z) — Et de *xxi l* de *Placitis Comitatus de Cestre & Hundredi de Caldea affirmatis. Mag. Rot. 33 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. a. m. 2.*

CHAP. *liam de Faise* and Master *Suein* (a). Several Arrentations were made in *Berkshire* S E C T. I. in the thirfirst Year of K *Edward I* (b), and the ninth Year of K *Edward II* (c). V.

In the Reñ of K *Henry IV*, certain Land was affirmed for vis viiid a-year (d). The like tims were also used in *France* in the Countie of *Maine* (e).

Moreover, when Land or other durable Estate was granted to an aggregate Body, or to any persons or Person having perpetual Succession, or to a Man and his Heirs, it was sometimes granted in *Feudi firma*. This was so called in the bald sense of the word *Feuam* or *Feodum*, to wit, as it denoted a perpetual Estate. For, ever since *Feodum*, *Fee*, was by usage in *England* applied to signify a perpetual Estate or Inheritance in Land, it hath been also used to signify Perpetuity in an Office, and in a Rent or Ferm. Thus Inheritable Offices have been called *Offices in Fee* (f); and perpetual Farms, *Fee-Farms*. I will here set-down some Examples in relation to *Fee-Farms*.

In the second Year of K *Richard I*, *William de Bocland* the younger claimed to hold the Manour of *Kenefwurd*, of the Dean and Canons of *London* in Fee-Ferm, at Cs a-year (g). *William de la Mare* by his Charter without date granted certain Land to the Monks of *Bruere* in *perpetuam Firmam* (h). In the second Year from the Coronation of K *John*, *William de Stanes* granted and confirmed certain Land to the Monks of *Bordesley* in *foeudifirma* and *ad Feudofirmam* (i). King *Henry III* granted to *Stephen de Segrave* and his Heirs, the Manour of *Thingdene* in Feeferm, with the Arouson of the Church, and with tallages, villanages, and services of Freemen, and all other Pertinencies (k). In the Year 1237, the Priour and Convent of *St Denis* nigh *Southampton* granted a Mesuage to *Ranulf le Noreis* and *Hodelina* his Wife, and the Heirs in Fee-tail, *ad perpetuam feudi firmam* (l). In the year 1306, the Abbot and Convent of *Lucerne* in *Normandy* granted Land lying in *England* to *John de Torvell* Knight, and his Heirs, in *feodum seu emphytheosim perpetuam*; the Donor means, in perpetual *Emphyteusis* (m). In the Year 1486, the Prioures and Convent of *St Bartholomew* in *Newcastle upon Tyne* granted Land to *Thomas Lokwod* and his Heirs, *ad feodi firmam* (n).

V. It is to be remembred, that from the time of the *Norman Conquest* downwards, the Cities and Towns of *England* were vested either in the Crown, or else in the Clergy, or in the Baronage or great Men of the Layety. That is to say, The King was immediate Lord of some Towns, and particular Persons, either of the Clergy or

(a) Honor Glocestriae. Willelmus de Fa-leisia & Magister Sueno reddunt compotum de xviii l & xs de Firma de Bradestede de dimidio anno, affirmata per praedictos, scilicet W. & Magistrum Swen[onem]. *Mag. Rot. 1 Joh. Rot. 3. b.*

(b) Arrentationes in Comitatu Berk[esirae] in Foresta de Wyndesore. *Pas. Brevia Retornabilia 31 Edw. 1. Rot. 73. a. ex parte Remem. Regis.*

(c) Berk. An Enrolment of a long Certificate which was made to the King by the Treasurer and Barons, concerning Wafts and Purprestures in the Forest of Wyndesore, and in Cokham and Braye, which were lately arrented by virtue of a Commission of Arrentation. *Hil. Communia 9 Edw. 2. Rot. 96. a.*

(d) Ebor. In a Procefs relating to Robert Merssh—; & quæ pro vis viiid affirmabantur per annum—. *Mich. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 30. a.*

(e) Ou la ferme ou rente si la chose est afermée ou arentée a son chois. *Costumes du Comté du Maine*, by Julien Bodreau, p 73.

(f) Senescalli Angliae de Feodo. *Hist. Excheq. p 36, col. 2. l.* De Marescallis Domini Regis de Feodo, Camerariis, Custodibus hostiorum in itinere Justiciariorum—, qui offi-

cium illud habent de Feodo. *Statut. Westm. 2. Sect. 42. apud Ric. Tottelum. & passim alibi.*

(g) Decanus & Canonici Ecclesiae Sancti Pauli London[iae] reddunt compotum de i uncia auri, ut scribatur in Rotulo, quod Willelmus de Bocland junior clamavit eis perpetuo totum Manerium de Kenefwurda quietum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, de se & hæredibus suis, quod clamaverat tenendum de eis, per breve Domini Regis Ricardi, in feudo firma, pro Cs singulis annis solvendis. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. b. London[ia] & Middelfexa.*

(h) *Formulare Anglic. viz. Formula 460.*

(i) *Ibid. Formula 462 & 464.*

(k) Stephanus de Segrave r c de xxiiii l de firma villæ de Thingdene, per breve Regis; in quo continetur, quod Rex concessit ei & hæredibus suis & carta sua confirmavit idem Manerium, cum Advocatione Ecclesiae, & tallagiis, villanagiis, & serviciis liberorum hominum, & omnibus aliis pertinentiis, in perpetuum, pro xxiiii l numero annuis, pro omni servicio & demanda. In th l, Et Q e. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 3. Northamptonshire.*

(l) *Formulare Anglic. viz. Formula 470.*

(m) *Ib. Formula 474.*

(n) *Ib. Formula 487.*

CH A P. or Layety were Immediate Lords of other Towns. Of this I shall give some In-S E C T.
I. stances by and by. V.

Of the Cities Towns and Burghs which the King had, some were vested in him by One title, Others by another title. Of Some He was possessed *antiquo jure Coronæ*, that is, as part of the original Inheritance of His Crown: Of Others, by Ancient Escheat. The former were called *Ancient Demeane*, *Antiquum Dominium Regis* or *Coronæ*; to distinguish them from Ancient Escheats. I say, the King might be seised of a City Town or Burgh by several sorts of Titles; suppose, by Escheat [for want of heirs], by Attainder, Forfeiture, Feofment, Exchange, Dissolution of Religious Houses, or otherwise. I do not now stay to enlarge on these several Titles.

As to the very Antient Escheats, to wit, such as hapned in the reign of K K Henry I, Stephen, Henry II, and afterwards, it was understood that as soon as the same were vested in the Crown, the King was seised of them *in dominio* or *tantum in dominio*; like as he was seised *in dominio* of His Own original Inheritance; but with some difference as to several purposes relating to the Men or Tenants thereof; concerning which matters it is not needful for me to discourse here. Some of those Antient Escheats devolved to the Crown so early after the Conquest, that in process of time they were not easily distinguished from the Kings Ancient Demeane. Such Old Escheats were, The Land of Eudo the Dapifer, the Land of William Peverell of London and William Peverell of Nottingham, of Roger de Molbrai, of Henry de Essex (o), of Robert Malet (p), and many others. But it was upon several occasions found necessary to distinguish the Ancient Demeane from the Ancient Escheat. For That end men had recourse to the venerable Record called *Domesday-book*. That Record soon determined the doubt. If Land was set-down in That Book under the Title, *Terra Regis*, or if it was said There, *Rex habet* such Land or such Town *in dominio*, Then it was determined to be the Kings *Ancient Demeane*, or primeval Inheritance. If the Land or Town was therein set-down under the Name of a Private Lord or Subject; as suppose under the Title, *Terra Eudonis Dapiferi*, or *Terra Rogeri de Molbrai*, Then it was deemed to be the Land of Eudo the Dapifer, or of Roger de Molbrai; and so for the rest. For example. In the twelfth Year of K Edward II, in the case of the Men of Banstede, it was doubted whether the town of Banstede was part of the Kings Ancient Demeane or not. To ascertain That matter, the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer caused *Domesday-book* to be searched (q). The Men and Tenants of the Towns of Sevenhampton Stratton and Heyworth in Wiltshire complained to K Edward II in his Chancery, That although they were not of the Ancient Demeane of the Crown, and were not wont to be tallaged in times past or then-lately, when the Men and Tenants of the Kings Ancient Demeanes were tallaged, but had constantly hitherto contributed with the men of the Community of the said County, to the Common prestations and charges laid upon the Community of the said County; That nevertheless, the Assessors of the Tallage imposed in the Two and thirtieth Year of the Reign of K Edward I, and also the Assessors of the Tallage imposed in the sixth Year of K Edward II, did assess tallages upon the Men and Tenants of the said Towns, just-as-if they had been of the Ancient Demeane of the Crown, whereas they were not; And that the Sherif of the said County did now, by vertue of the Summone of the Exchequer, intend to levy the said tallages upon the said Men and Tenants. Hereupon, the King, by a Writ of his Great Seal,

(o) Hist. Excheq. p 203. col. 1. c, d, e, &c.

(p) Firma Burgi, cap. 11. Sect. 1.

(q) Pro hominibus Villæ de Banstede. The King by a Writ of his Great Seal commandeth the Treasurer and Barons, quod si per inspectionem Libri qui dicitur Domesday, & aliorum Memorandorum dicti Scaccarii, aut alio modo legitimo, eis constare poterit, Villam prædictam non esse de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ, nec prædictos homines aut eorum antecessores ratione Villæ prædictæ, temporibus quibus progenitores nostri prædicta

Dominica sua per Angliam ut præmittitur talliarunt, fuisse talliatos, Then the Treasurer and Barons should acquit them of the Tallage demanded. Prætextu cujus brevis, inspectis & scrutatis libro de Domesday, & aliis Rotulis & Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti, comperta sunt in dicto Libro de Domesday in Comitatu Surr[eia] ista verba. Ricardus tenet de Episcopo, Banstede. Alnod tenuit de Rege E. tunc scilicet pro xxix hidis—. There is no Award. Trin. Communia 12. Edw. 2. Rot. 41. a.

CH A P. Seal, commandeth the Treasurer and Barons of his Exchequer, to search the Rolls S E C T. I. and Memoranda of the Exchequer relating to the said tallages, and if upon Search V.

it appeared that the said Towns were not of the Antient Demean of the Crown, and that the Men of the said Towns were not wont to be tallaged with the Men of the Kings Ancient Demean, then to acquitt them of the said tallages. The Treasurer and Barons caused Search to be made. In *Domesday-book*, the said Towns were not found set-down under the Title of *Terra Regis*. But the Town of *Sevenhampton* is There set-down by the Name of *Sevamentone* under the rubrick or title of *Terra Willelmi de Ow*, and the town of *Stratton* under the rubrick of *Terra Nigelli Medici*. But nothing was found in the said Book, touching the said Town of *Hegheworth*. Other Rolls and Records were also searched. And forasmuch as the Court could get no information, that the said Towns ought to be charged with the said tallages, it is adjudged that the said Men be discharged thereof (r). The like method was taken, in the reign of the same K *Edward II*, in the case of the Men of the Soke of *Oswardkirke* in *Nottinghamshire* (s), and of the Men of the Towns of *Okham Egilton* and *Langeham* in *Rutlandshire* (t); and in many other cases both in the ancient and the modern times.

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(r) Wyltes[ia]. Pro Hominibus Villarum de Sevenhampton Stratton & Heyworth.

Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de anno xiii^o in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte hominum & tenentium nostrorum Villarum nostrarum de Sevenhampton Stratton & Heyworth in Comitatu Wiltes[ia] nobis ostensum est, quod licet eadem Villæ non sint de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ, nec homines & tenentes dictarum Villarum aliquibus retroactis temporibus, quando Dominica Progenitorum nostrorum Regum Angliæ seu nostra talliata fuerunt, talliari consueverunt, set communibus contributionibus præstationibus & aliis oneribus quibuscumque Communitatem Comitatus prædicti tangentibus, cum illis de Communitate Comitatus illius semper hætenus contribuerint, assessores tamen tallagii Domini E quondam Regis Angliæ Patris nostri in Comitatu prædicto, de anno regni sui tricesimo secundo, ac etiam assessores tallagii nostri in eodem Comitatu de anno regni nostri sexto, tallagia super homines & tenentes dictarum Villarum, ac si de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ fuissent cum non essent, assederunt, & Vicecomes noster Comitatus ejusdem jam de novo tallagia prædicta de Hominibus & tenentibus prædictis, per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti ad opus nostrum levare intendit, ipsosque homines & tenentes ea occasione graviter distringit & multipliciter inquietat, minus juste, in ipsorum Hominum & tenentium nostrorum dispendium non modicum & gravamen. Et quia nolumus quod eisdem hominibus & tenentibus nostris injuriatur in hac parte, vobis mandamus, quod scrutatis Rotulis & Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti hujusmodi tallagia temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum & nostris tangentibus, si per inspectionem eorundem vel alio modo legitimo vobis constare poterit, quod dictæ Villæ non sint de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ, & quod Homines & tenentes earundem Villarum ad aliquod tallagium cum hominibus de antiquo Dominico nostro, aliqui-

bus temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum seu nostris talliari non consueverunt, ut est dictum, tunc eosdem homines & tenentes de hujusmodi tallagiis cum hominibus de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ nobis præstandis quietos esse faciatis; Districtiones eis ea occasione factas eisdem relaxari demandantes. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xi^o die Aprilis anno regni nostri tridecimo. Prætextu cujus brevis, scrutatis Rotulis &c, compertum est quod Cxv s viii d ob. qu. exiguntur de Hominibus Villæ & Sevenhampton, Et Lxxix s ix d ob. de Hominibus Villæ de Stratton, Et xxix s iiii d de Hominibus Villæ de Hegheworth, de tallagio super ipsos Homines anno sexto Regis nunc assesso per Johannem Moriz & Socios suos assessores ejusdem tallagii in eodem Comitatu, sicut continetur in Rotulo exannali, & in Rotulo xv^o, & in Rotulo sexto Regis nunc in Wiltesia, & in Rotulis de particulis quos dicti assessores liberarunt hic. Et inspecto libro de Domesday, non est compertum quod Villæ prædictæ contineantur sub titulo Terræ Regis ibidem. Comperta est tamen dicta Villa de Sevenhampton sub tali scriptura Sevamentone sub rubrica terræ Willelmi de Ow, & dicta Villa de Stratton sub rubrica terræ Nigelli medici, & de dicta Villa de Hegheworth nichil est compertum in eodem. Inspecto etiam rubeo libro, & scrutatis Rotulis &c, quoad tallagia assessa in Comitatu prædicto ante dictum annum sextum, non est compertum aliqua tallagia assessa fuisse super Villas prædictas, vel super Homines earundem Villarum, ante dictum annum sextum. Et quia nulla informatio habetur hic in Curia per quod dictæ Villæ talliari debent, nisi tantum quod continetur in dictis Rotulis de particulis inter cæteras Villas talliatas, consideratum est quod homines prædicti exonerentur de summis ab eis exactis de tallagio prædicto, & inde quieti existant, prætextu brevis Regis & Scrutinii prædictorum. *Hil. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 38. b.*

(s) *Hist. Excheq. p 499, col. 1. e.*

(t) *Ib. p 500. col. 1. f.*

CHAP. I. When a great Lordship (suppose an Honour) escheated to the Crown, the De-S E C T. I. means thereof escheated with it. It consisted of Senieurage, Homages and Services of Military Tenants, and Demeanes: All these made an Entire Seigneurie: and by consequence an Entire Escheat; that is, they escheated all together. Towns and Buroughs were ranked amongst the Demeanes (u).

A great number of the Principal Cities and Towns of England were in ancient time vested in the Crown. For example. Exeter was the Demean-City of K William I. The King had in the City CCC Houses wanting Fifteen, which paid Customs. The City paid xviii l a-year. Baldwin the Sherif had vi l of it, payable by Weight and Combustion, and Colwin had xii l of it by Tale for the use of Queen Edith. In the time of K Edward this City did not pay geld, unless when London York and Winchester gelded; and then the geld was half a mark of silver for the use of the Soldiers. When there was an Expedition by Land or by Sea, this City served as for Five hides of Land. Barnestaple Lidford and Totenais all together served as for the same quantity [of Land] as the City did. The Burgeses of Exeter had xii carues of land lying without the City; which Land paid no Customs [or geld] except to the City (w). K William I was also Lord or possessor of the Towns of Sulfretone, Teintone, Alseminstre, and other Towns in Devonshire (x).

In the Reign of K Henry I, the Crown was seized of the Towns following (amongst others), to wit, Carlile (y), Exeter (z), Warengesford (a), Colechester (b), Norhamton (c), Malmesbiry (d), Cambridg and Huntendon (e), Gepestwic (f), Tameworth (g) and Wincelcombe (h).

In the Reign of K Henry II, the Crown was seized of the Towns following (and many others not here mentioned), namely, Gloucester, Hanton or Southamton (i), London, Hertford, Havering, Mealdon, Sudwerk, Geldeford, Kingestun, and others (k); Oxford, Merleberg, Calne, Bedford, Chichester, Malmesbery, Bedewind, Wilton, Divises, Westcumb, Melkesham, Gatesterde (l) &c; Colchester

(u) Taillagium factum de Burgis & Dominicis Regis—. Hist. Exch. p 484. col. 1 & 2. Taillagium de Civitatibus & Burgis & Dominicis Regis. Ib. p 487. De Taillagio Dominicorum Regis: Villa de Nottingham and other Towns are tallaged. Ib. p 489. col. 1. Et ib. passim.

(w) In Civitate Exonia habet Rex CCC domus xv minus, reddentes consuetudinem. Hæc reddit xviii libras per annum. De his habet B + Vicecomes vi libras ad pensum & arsuram, & Coluinus xii libras ad numerum in ministeriis Eddid Reginæ.

Hæc Civitas T R E non geldabat nisi quando Londonia & Eboracum & Wintonia geldabant, & hoc erat dimidia marka argenti ad opus milit[um].

Quando expeditio ibat per terram aut per mare, serviebat hæc Civitas quantum v hide terræ.

Barnestapla vero & Lidford & Totenais servieb[ant] quantum ipsa Civitas.

Burgeses Exon[iæ] urb[is] habent extra Civitatem terram xii caruc[arum], quæ nullam consuetudinem redd[it] nisi ad ipsam civitatem. Liber Domesday, tit. Devenescire, fol. 100. a. col. 1.

+ Balduinus, ut patet ibid. fol. 100. col. 2.

(x) Dialog. de Scaccario, p 21. col. 1 & 2.

(y) Chaerleolium. Hildretus r c de xiiii l & xvi s & vi d, de veteri firma de Chaerleolio & de Maneriis Regis. Et in operibus Civitatis de Chaerleolio, videlicet in Muro circa Civitatem faciundo liberavit xiiii l

& xvi s & vi d. Et Quietus est. Mag. Rot. anni incerti Hen. 1. Rot. 14. m. 1. b.

(z) Et idem Vicecomes [Devenesciræ, viz. Gaufridus de Furnell[is], r c de firma Civitatis Exoniæ. Ibid. Rot. 16. a. tit. Devenescira.

(a) Hist. Excheq. p 226. col. 1. c.

(b) Ib. p 226. col. 2. e.

(c) Ib. p 226. col. 2. d.

(d) Hugo Præpositus Malmesbiriæ r c de firma Malmesbiriæ. In Thesauro xx l; Et Q e. Mag. Rot. anni incerti Regis Hen. 1. Rot. 2. m. 2. a. Wiltescira.

(e) Et idem Vicecomes r c de Auxilio burgi de Gretebrugia. In Thesaurio xl—.

Et idem Vicecomes r c de Auxilio burgi de Huntendon. In Thesauo viii l, Et Q e. Mag. Rot. anni incerti Hen 1. Rot. 5. m. 2. a.

(f) Et idem Vicecomes r c de Auxilio burgi de Gepestwic. In Thesauo viii l, Et Q sunt. Ib Rot. 10. b. Sudfolc.

(g) Et idem Vicecomes debet xxx s de auxilio burgi de Tameworda. Ib. Rot. 11. b. m. 2. Warwicscira.

(h) Et idem Vicecomes r c de auxilio burgi de Wincelcomba. Ib. Rot. 8. b. Glocestrescira.

(i) Hist. Exch. p 226, 227, &c

(k) Ib. p 407, 408, 409 &c.

(l) Ib. p 482, 484, 485 &c.

CHAP. Colchester (m), Bofeham (n), Winchester (o), Lincoln (p), Bedingham, Blechin-S E C T. I. ton, Compton, Lamport, Hasting and Winchelsea (q). V.

In the reigns of several succeeding Kings, the following Towns (amongst others) were vested in the Crown, to wit, The Towns of Westcumbe and Bedewinde (r), Pickering, Scardeburc, York, Danecastre &c (s); Gloucester, Cirencester, Winchecumbe, Bristou &c (t); Worcester, Wich, Fekeham, Kideminstre &c (u); Ormesby (w), Cambridg (x), Huntendon (y), Orford (z), Derby and

(m) Colecestra. Ricardus de Luci reddit compotum de xl l Bl[ancorum], de firma de Colecestra. *Mag. Rot. 17 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a.*

(n) Sudfexa. Bofeham. Rogerus & Herbertus & ceteri homines de Bofeham reddunt compotum de ix l & xxii d numero, de veteri firma de Bofeham. In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. Et idem de nova firma. *Mag. Rot. 31 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. b.*

(o) Civitas Winton[ia]. Idem Vicecomes (of Hampshire) reddit compotum de C & xlii l & xii s & iii d bl[ancis], de firma Civitatis Wintoniæ; In Thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. a. m. 2.*

(p) Warnerus filius Turgari & Willelmus filius Ailsi reddunt compotum de firma Civitatis Lincolniæ. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. b. tit. Civitas Lincolniæ.*

Cives Lincolniæ r c de C & quater xx l de firma Civitatis: In thesauro nichil: — Et Radulfo filio Lefwini Præposito civi ejusdem villæ, xxvii l, pro iii saccis Lanæ captis ad opus Regis in nundinis Norhantonæ, ad faciendam solutionem deb[iti] Ludovici, per breve ejusdem [sc. Regis]. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. ult. b. Linc.*

(q) De Aux[ilio] Burgorum & Villarum in Sudfexa per Gervasium de Cornh[ill] & ipsum Vic[ecomitem].

Villata de Cycestr[ia] debet xx marcas de eodem Aux[ilio]. Idem Vic[ecomites] r c de xx marcis de Aux[ilio] de Bofeham. *The like for Bedingeham, Blechinton, Compton, Lamport, Hasting, & Winchelsea. Mag. Rot. 23 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. b.*

(r) Johannes Marecallus debet xxii l & xix d Blancorum, de Veteri firma de Westcumbe & de Bedewinda, quæ remanserunt propter Werram Comit[is] Johannis. *Mag. Rot. 7 Ric. 1. Rot. 11. a. Wiltescira.*

Gilbertus de Clare Comes Gloucestriæ [debet] xxx l de firma de Westcumbe & Bedewinde, sicut continetur in Rotulo vii, et CC quater xx l bl[ancas] de eadem de annis præteritis. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. in Rotulo notato in cauda literis majusculis Wilteshire, m. 1. a.*

(s) *Hist. Exch. p 483, 484.*

(t) *Ib. p 486.*

(u) *Ib. p 487.*

(w) Ormesby debet xxiiii l xiii s de eodem [tallagio]. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. b. Norf. & Suff.*

(x) Homines de Cantebrigia reddunt compotum de xl l bl[ancis] de firma villæ suæ.

Idem Homines r c de xx l de cremmento villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. a. Cant. & Hunt.*

Homines de Cantebrigge debent Lxvii l xix s x d per annum de vii firm[is] in villa de Cant[ebrigia], sicut continetur in Rotulo vii^o & ii^o Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo nono Regis J. De quibus iidem Homines respondent in dorso Rotuli.

Johannes Coton Major villæ Cant[ebrigie] debet ii s de exitibus suis forisfactis coram Baronibus ad placita anno primo. De quibus Homines Cant[ebrigie] respondent infra.

Homines Cant[ebrigie] per Robertum Essex Attornatum suum reddunt compotum de Lxvii l xix s x d, de vii firmis in villa Cant[ebrigia], sicut continetur ex altera parte Rotuli; Et v s pro Sabina Huberd, sicut continetur ibidem; Et i d pro Petro Fichelere ibidem; Et iii s pro Hominibus villæ Cant[ebrigie] ibidem; Et iii s iii d de exitibus diversorum, sicut supra continetur; Ex xii d de fin[e] & exitibus diversorum ibidem —. Et ii s pro Johanne Coton Majore Cant[ebrigie], sicut continetur supra. Summa quater xx l x s; In Thesauro nihil; Et Roberto Rous Chivaler, cui Rex E tercius nono die Marcii anno regni sui quadragesimo septimo, per Literas suas patentes quas Rex nunc confirmavit, concessit Centum marcas percipiendas singulis annis de firma villæ Cant[ebrigie], per manus Majoris & Ballivorum ejusdem villæ qui pro tempore fuerint, ad terminos Paschæ & S Michaelis æqualiter, ad totam vitam ipsius Roberti, C marcas de termino Paschæ anno secundo & termino Michaelis anno tercio, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno primo Regis hujus termino S Hilarii, & per ii Literas patentes ipsius Roberti de rec[eptione]; Et in Thesauro xiii l iii s v d in iii talliis, Et debent xiii s iii d. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Cant. Hunt. m. 2. b.*

(y) Homines de Huntendon[ia] reddunt compotum, Vicecomes pro eis, de xxxv l bl[ancis] de firma villæ suæ.

Idem Homines reddunt compotum, Vicecomes pro eis, de x l de cremmento villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. a. Cantebrigie & Huntendonefire.*

(z) Homines de Oreford [debet] xxx l, de firma Villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Norf. & Suff.*

Burgus de Oreford [debet] xxviii l xiii s xi d, de eodem [tallagio]. *Ib. Rot. 19. b.*

Villata de Oreford debet xlvii s de tallagio. *Ib. Rot. 19. a.*

CH A P. and Gernemuth (a), Bruges (b), Andever (c), Helleston (d), Lenne (e), and S E C T. V.

I. others.

K Edward II in the Ninth year of his reign, by Writ of his Great Seal commanded the Sherif of Shropshire and Staffordshire, to certify into the Exchequer What and How many Hundreds there were in his Bayliwick, Whose they were, And What and How many Cities Buroughs and Towns in each Hundred, and Who were Lords of them. Upon this Writ the Sherif made his Return for Staffordshire thus. In the County of Stafford there are are Five Hundreds. He specifieth them. The King is Lord of each Hundred. In the same County there is One Burgh, to wit the Burgh of Stafford. The King is Lord of it. The Town of Audeley and of Betteley; Nicolas de Audeley is Lord of them. And so for other Towns, in all Forty. He addeth, The Bishop of Chester (that is, of Coventry) is Lord of Eccleshale and Heywode, John de Hasteng is Lord of Chewesey, William de Stafford is Lord of Soudon; and the Earl of Lancaster is Lord of New-castle (f). A Writ of the same tenour and date was awarded to the Sherif

(a) Pro Burgenfibus Derbiæ. Burgenfes Regis de Derbia finem fecerunt cum Rege per Lxx marcas, pro quadam Carta habenda, & acquietancia de Sigillo, videlicet quod ipfi vel eorum bona non areftentur pro aliquo debito, de quo fidejuffores aut principales debitores non extiterint; Et pro returno brevium Regis habendo; Et quod de feipfis eligere poffint Coronatorem quociens opus fuerit. The like Entry for the Burgenfes de Cantebregia. The like for the Burgenfes Regis de Gernemuth as to the non areftentur nifi as above, and as to the Acquietancia de Sigillo. Originale 40 Hen. 3. Rot. 4.

(b) Homines de Bruges r c de x marcis de firma villæ fuæ —.

Burgenfes de Bruges r c de xl de firma molend[ini] de Pendelftan. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Salopia, m. 1. a.

(c) Homines villæ de Andevere [debent] quaterviginti libras blancas, de feodi firma villæ fuæ, ficut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo xiii^o & in Rotulo xii^o Regis H; Quæ funt extenfæ ad quater xx iiii^l numero; Et MCxxxvii^l de annis præteritis.

Iidem Homines [debent] xxl de cremento villæ fuæ, ficut continetur ibidem; Et CC l de annis præteritis. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Suhamt[escira], m. 2. a.

(d) Burgenfes de Helleston r c de xx marcis de firma villæ fuæ, ficut fupra continetur & in Rotulo viii^o Regis E filii Regis E —. Quæ quidem firma xx marcarum eft parcella Manerii de Helleston in Kyrier, ficut fupra continetur. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Cornubia, m. 2. a.

(e) Major & Probi Homines villæ de Lenne debent xxvii^l xiii^s iiii^d per annum de firma omnium proficuorum de Tolbothe de Lenne, Domino E nuper Principi Walliæ patri Regis pertinencium, videlicet iiii^s partis omnium proficuorum tolneti vocati Skrene, & trona-gii ibidem, mediet[atis] proficuorum de Louecoup, fimul & mediet[atis] omnium domorum dictæ Tolboth pertinencium, & per ipfum Dominum E præfatis Majori & Hominibus nuper ad firmam dimiff[orum], videlicet a fefto Sancti Michaelis anno primo Regis hujus, ufque ad finem trium annorum proximo

fequentium plenarie completorum, Reddendo ad fefta Pafchæ & S Michaelis æqualiter, Refervatis Regi pifce Regali Wrek & Lagan maris efcaetis weyfs & forisfacturis ibidem. Sed non debent inde summoneri, nec de eadem firma decetero onerari, per breve Regis allocatum in Rotulo præcedente in Adhuc Refiduum Norfolciæ, Et Quieti funt. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. b.

Major Ballivi & Communitas villæ de Lenne [debent] xxxviii^l vis iiii^d, fuper ipfos oneratos in exonerationem Ricardi de Normananton & Johannis Dockyng de Lenne, Collectorum Cufummarum & Subfidiorum Regis in Portu de Lenne, videlicet de præftito in denariis eis foluto ad Receptam Scaccarii xxv^o die Martii anno xlviii^o Regis E tercii, in precio unius troni cum apparatu diverforum ponderum coopertorum & unius figilli vocati Cokett de novo factorum, eis liberat[orum] per manus Johannis Ederyk Hofliarii Receptæ ibidem. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. b.

(f) Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Vicecomiti Salop[iæ] & Stafford[iæ] falutem. Quia quibusdam certis de caufis certiorari volumus, quæ & quot hundreda funt in balliva tua, & quorum funt, & quæ & quot Civitates, Burgi, & Villæ funt in quolibet hundredorum illorum, & qui funt Domini eorundem; tibi præcipimus firmiter injungentes, quod modis & viis omnibus quibus plenius & diligentius poteris, te informes de præmiſſis, Ita quod fuper proximum profrum tuum ad Scaccarium noſtrum, Theſaurarium & Barones noſtros de eodem Scaccario poffis inde plenius informare; & tu ipſe in propria perfona tua fis ad dictum Scaccarium fuper proximum profrum tuum ex hac caufa, nifi tunc licentiam a nobis habueris abſens eſſe, & tunc per illum quem fuper dictum profrum tuum pro te mittes ad Scaccarium prædictum, Theſaurarium & Barones prædictos de præmiſſis facies plenius informare; Ita quod in te vel in ipſo quem per te ad dictum Scaccarium fic mittes, defectus aliquis non inveniatur, per quod ad te graviter capiamus. Et habeas ibi hoc breve. Teſte meipſo apud Clipſton, quinto die Mar-

CHAP. rif of *Devonshire*. To That Writ he made a Return thus. He first sets forth **SECT.**

I.

V.

Who is Lord of each Hundred. Then he proceeds to the Towns. The Burrough of *Totteney*; Sire *William la Zouche* is Lord of It. The Town of *Asperyngton*, the Priour of *Totton* is Lord of it. Town of *Dodebrok*, Sire *Henry Fitz-Alan* is Lord of it. Burrough of *Dertemouth*, *Nicolas de Teukesbury* is Lord of it. Burrough of *Tavystok*, the Abbot of *Tavystok* is Lord of it. Burrough of *Okhamp-tone*, Sire *Hugh de Cortenay* is Lord of it. Burrough of *Lydeford*, the King is Lord of it. City of *Exeter*, the King is Lord of it (g). In the First Year of K

Edward

cii anno regni nostri nono. *The Sheriff returneth as follows.*

Habebo coram vobis ad diem in brevi contentum, omnia nomina hundredorum Civitatum Burgorum & Villarum & Dominorum eorundem, & vos inde informabo secundum tenorem brevis.

Comitatus Staff[ordiæ].

In Comitatu Staff[ordiæ] sunt quinque hundreda, ut patet in sequenti.

Nomina Hundredorum.

Pirhull. Dominus Rex est Dominus istius hundredi, & Johannes de Knokyn illud tenet.

Tatemoneslowe. Rex est Dominus istius hundredi, & Hugo de Audeleye junior illud tenet.

Offelowe. Rex est Dominus istius hundredi, & Ricardus de Weford illud tenet.

Seifdon. Rex est Dominus istius hundredi, & est in manu sua.

Cutheleston. Rex est Dominus istius hundredi, & Willelmus Flemmyng illud modo tenet.

Et est in eodem Comitatu unus Burgus, videlicet Burgus Staff[ordiæ], unde Rex est Dominus.

Nomina Villarum in eodem Comitatu & Dominorum earundem.

Hundredum de Pirhull.

Villa de Audeleye. Nicholaus de Audeleye Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Betteley. Nicholaus de Audeleye Dominus ejusdem.

Balterdeleye. Theobaldus de Verdon Dominus ejusdem.

Maddeleye. Thomas de Pye Dominus ejusdem Villæ.

Villa de Alkemonton. Willelmus le Bottiller Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Assheleye. Thomas de Beyfin, Johannes de Bromley, & Thomas de Eyton Domini ejusdem.

Villa de Mere. Thomas de Halghton Dominus ejusdem.

Staundon. Vivianus de Staundon Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Swynnerton. Rogerus de Swynnerton Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Tytnesfore. Rogerus de Tytnesfore Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Routon. Johannes Doyly Dominus ejusdem. *Here follow several other Towns, and the Lords of them.*

Summa Villarum, xl, præter Burgum Staffordiæ.

Nomina Villarum Libertatis Episcopi Cestr[ensis] in eodem hundredo de Pirhull, qui habet returnum omnium brevium.

Villa de Eccleshale. Episcopus Cestr[ensis] Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Heywode. Idem Episcopus Dominus ejusdem.

Summa Villarum, ii.

Nomina Villarum in libertate Comitatus Lancastriæ in eodem hundredo de Pirhull, qui habet returnum omnium brevium.

Villa de Cheweseye. Johannes de Hasteng Dominus ejusdem.

Villa de Soudon. Willelmus de Staffordia.

Villa Novi Castri. Comes Lancastriæ est Dominus ejusdem.

Summa Villarum, iii.

Ex membranis autographis in archivo Rememoratoris Thesaurarii quod Westmonasterii est.

(g) Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, & Dux Aquitanniæ, Vicecomiti Devon[iæ] salutem. Quia quibusdam certis de causis certiorari volumus quæ & quot hundreda sunt in balliva tua, & quorum sunt, & quæ & quot Civitates Burgi & Villæ sunt in quolibet Hundredorum illorum, & qui sunt Domini eorundem: tibi præcipimus firmiter injungentes, quod modis & viis omnibus quibus plenius & diligentius poteris te informes de præmissis; Ita quod super proximum profrum tuum ad Scaccarium nostrum Thesaurarium & Barones nostros de eodem Scaccario possis inde plenius informare; & tu ipse in propria persona tua sis ad dictum Scaccarium super proximum profrum tuum ex hac causa, nisi tunc licentiam a nobis habueris absens esse, & tunc per illum quem super dictum profrum tuum pro te mittes ad Scaccarium prædictum, Thesaurarium & Barones prædictos de præmissis facies plenius informare. Ita quod in te, vel in ipso quem pro te ad dictum Scaccarium sic mittes, defectus aliquis non inveniatur, per quod ad te graviter capiamus. Et habeas ibi hoc breve. Teste meipso apud Clipston quinto die Marcii anno regni nostri nono.

Responsum istius brevis patet in Rotulis huic brevi confutis.

Devonia. Nomina hundredorum & eorum Dominorum Civitatum Burgorum & Villarum in Comitatu Devon[iæ] anno regni Regis E filii Regis E nono.

Hundredum de Colrugg. Dominus ejusdem Dominus Radulfus de Montehermerii, in quo est Burgus de Totteney; & est Dominus ejusdem Willelmus la Zouche, & Villæ quæ sequuntur:

Villa de Asperyngton cum Didesham quod est membrum ad eandem; & est Dominus ejusdem Prior de Totton.

Villa de Dodebrok cum Malston quod est membrum

CHAP. Edward II, Melecumbe in Dorsetshire was the Kings Town. He committed it to S E C T. I. John Longynou, Gilbert de Portesham, and other Townsmen of Melecumbe; They V.

to hold the same in Custody during the Kings Will, and to pay to the King yearly the Rent of Four pounds (b). In the Second year of K Edward II, Lydeford in Devonshire was the Kings Burough. He committed it to John de Sture, to hold during his pleasure (i).

The Fee-ferm of the Burough of Leskyrd in Cornwall was part of the Possessions of Edward Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, Son of K Edward III. It was assigned in part of Dower to Joan Princess of Wales, Duchess of Cornwall, Consort to the said Prince. After Her death, K Richard II granted the said Fee-ferm to her Executors, To hold during one whole year then next. Lastly, it was granted to Roger atte Gate one of the Kings Sergeants at Arms during his Life, as a Pension for his support ().

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membrum ad eandem; & est Dominus ejusdem Henricus filius Alani.

Burgus de Dertemouth in eodem hundredo; Dominus ejusdem Nicholaus de Teukefbury.

Villa de Aneton Abbatis cum Engleborne Prior & Didesham quæ sunt membra ad eandem; & est Dominus ejusdem Abbas de Torre.

Hundredum de Tavystok; Dominus ejusdem Abbas de Tavystok, in quo est Burgus de Tavystok, Dominus ejusdem prædictus Abbas, & una Villa tantummodo.

Manerium de Hurdewyke cum Middelton quod est membrum ad eundem; Dominus ejusdem prædictus Abbas.

Hundredum de Lyfton. Dominus ejusdem Edmundus de Wodestok in eodem hundredo.

Burgus de Okhamptone; Dominus ejusdem Dominus Hugo de Cortenay.

Manerium de Lyfton; Dominus ejusdem prædictus Edmundus de Wodestok.

Villa de Bridestowe cum Bradeston quod est membrum ad eandem; Dominus ejusdem Johannes de Cobeham.

Villa de Wevelysworthy; set omnes tenentes sunt Stagnatores; & ideo non est in subjectione Vicecomiti; tamen Willelmus le Moygne est Dominus ibidem.

Burgus de Lydeford; Dominus ejusdem Dominus Rex.

Civitas Exonia, in Comitatu Devon[iæ]; Dominus ejusdem Dominus Rex; & habet returnum brevium.

Manerium de Uplym; Dominus ejusdem Abbas de Glaston; & habet returnum similiter. Ex membranis originalibus in eodem archivo Remem. Thes.

(b) Dorset[ia]. Rex secundo die Martii anno primo commisit Johanni Longynou & Gilberto de Portesham, & aliis hominibus de Melecumbe, Villam de Melecumbe in Comitatu Dorset[ie] cum pertinentiis, Custodiendam a festo Paschæ proximo futuro quamdiu Regi &c, Reddendo inde Regi per annum quatuor libras unam inde medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ. Et ideo &c tam libere ten[eant] &c; T Thesaurario. Hil. Commissiones 1 Edw. 2. Rot. 9. a.

(i) Devon[ia]. Rex xviiiº die Novem-

bris anno secundo commisit Johanni de Sture Burgum Regis de Lydeford, & Moram de Dertemores in Comitatu Devon[iæ], una cum Stagminar[ia] & Cuneo ejusdem in eodem Comitatu cum pertinentiis, custodiendum a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo præterito, quamdiu Regi placuerit; Ita quod de exitibus inde provenientibus Regi respondeat ad Scaccarium hic. Teste Thes[aurario] &c. Mich. Commissiones 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 6. a.

() Cornubia. De Rogero Atte Gate attachiato ad reddendum Regi computum de exitibus & proficuis feodi firmæ de Leskyrd, quæ fuit Principissæ Walliæ, a viiº die Augusti anno xº Regis nunc & deinceps.

Memorandum quod datum fuit Curie intelligi, quod Rogerus Atte Gate occupavit feodi firmam de Leskyrd cum pertinentiis in Comitatu Cornubiæ, quæ fuit Domini E nuper Principis Walliæ patris Domini Regis nunc, a septimo die Augusti anno regni nostri xº & deinceps, quæ quidem feodi firma inter alia nuper matri Domini Regis nunc, Johanniæ, nuper Principissæ Walliæ, assignata fuit in dotem, & quam idem Dominus Rex nunc inter alia nuper concessit executoribus testamenti prædictæ matris suæ, tenendam per unum annum integrum post mortem ejusdem matris Regis; qui quidem annus finiebat septimo die Augusti supradicto anno decimo. Per quod prædictus Rogerus Atte Gate attachiatus fuit essendi hic ad plures dies præteritos, & tandem in Crastino sancti Michaelis hoc termino, per breve, sicut continetur in ligula brevium, ad reddendum Regi computum de exitibus & proficuis feodi firmæ prædictæ, videlicet a prædicto septimo die Augusti dicto anno xº Regis nunc & deinceps, necnon ad ostendendum quo titulo feodi firmam prædictam ingressus est & tenet.

Et ad prædictum Crastinum sancti Michaelis, prædictus Rogerus Atte Gate non venit. Set postmodum, videlicet post defaltam intratam, prædictus Rogerus Atte Gate venit in propria persona sua; & detulit hic breve Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter brevia directa Baronibus de hoc termino, Rotulo videlicet xxviiº, in hæc verba. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario

CHAP. The King was anciently seised of the City of *Hereford*. He demised it to the Citi-S E C T.
 I. sens at Ferm. And the Citisens accounted to the Crown for the Ferm of their City, in V.
 the reigns of several Kings successively. For example. In the reign of K *Richard*
 I. (k), K *Henry III* (l), K *Edward I* (m), K *Edward II* (n), K *Edward III* (o),
 K *Richard*

cario salutem. Cum decimo die Novembris anno regni nostri nono, concesserimus dilecto nobis Rogero Gate uni servientum nostrorum ad arma, illas decem & octo libras & decem & octo denarios, quos Burgenſes Burgi de Leskyrd in Comitatu Cornubiæ, nobis singulis annis ad Scaccarium prædictum reddere tenentur, pro feodi firma Burgi prædicti, Habendum & percipiendum singulis annis ad totam vitam prædicti Rogeri, per manus Majoris Præpositi seu aliorum Ministrorum ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existentium, post annum completum, per quem concessimus executoribus reverendissimæ Dominæ & Matris nostræ defunctæ, omnia terras tenementa & redditus cum pertinentiis, quæ prædicta Domina & mater nostra habuit & tenuit die quo obiit, prout in Literis nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur: Vobis mandamus, quod demandæ quam eidem Rogero ad respondendum five satisfaciendum nobis de dictis decem & octo libris & decem & octo denariis, pro feodi firma Burgi prædicti, post dictum annum completum, per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti fieri facitis, superfederi, & ipsum inde ab eodem anno sic completo ad idem Scaccarium, prout justum fuerit, exonerari & quietum esse faciatis. T meipso apud Westm. xxvi^o die Novembris anno regni nostri decimo nono. Ostendit eciam dictus Rogerus Atte Gate Literas Regis patentes, de quibus in dicto brevi fit mencio, quarum tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ, & Dominus Hiberniæ, Omnibus ad quos præſentes Literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper per Literas nostras patentes, concessissemus dilecto nobis Rogero Gate uni servientum nostrorum ad arma, duodecim denarios per diem, percipiendos ad Scaccarium nostrum ad terminum vitæ suæ: Nos jam ad supplicationem prædicti Rogeri, & pro eo quod ipse dictas Literas nostras in Cancellaria nostra restituit cancellendas, de gratia nostra speciali, & pro bono servitio quod dictus Rogerus nobis impendit & impendet, & in recompensationem prædictorum duodecim denariorum diurnorum, concessimus eidem Rogero illas decem & octo libras & decem & octo denarios; quos Burgenſes Burgi de Leskerd in Comitatu Cornubiæ, nobis singulis annis ad Scaccarium nostrum reddere tenentur, pro feodi firma Burgi prædicti; Habendum & percipiendum singulis annis, ad totam vitam prædicti Rogeri, per manus Majoris Præpositi seu aliorum Ministrorum ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existentium, post annum completum, per quem concessimus executoribus reverendissimæ Dominæ & Matris nostræ defunctæ, omnia terras tenementa & redditus cum pertinentiis, quæ prædicta Domina

& mater nostra habuit & tenuit die quo obiit. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. decimo die Novembris anno regni nostri nono. Et sic dicit prædictus Rogerus Atte Gate, quod ipse feodi firmam prædictam, post prædictum annum completum, prætextu concessionis prædictæ ei in præmissis factæ, ingressus est & tenet, juxta formam concessionis Regis supradictæ. Et petit prædictus Rogerus atte Gate, prætextu Literarum Regis patencium prædictarum, sibi in præmissis factarum, & brevis prædicti, de compoto ab eo in præmissis exacto exonerari. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, dictum est præfato Rogero atte Gate, quod quoad compotum ab eo in præmissis exactum, eat ad præſens sine die, prætextu Literarum Regis patencium prædictarum, & brevis prædicti; Salva semper actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. *Mich. Communia 19 Ric. 2. Rot. 19.*

(k) Civitas Herefordiæ. Cives Herefordiæ, Robertus Arcturi prolis, r c de xl l bl[ancorum] de firma Civitatis Herefordiæ; In thesauro —, Et q f. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 14. tit. Herefordscira in Wall[ia]. m. 1. a.*

(l) Cives Herefordiæ r c de xl l bl[ancis] de firma villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 9. b. Hereford[fire] in Wallia.*

Villata Herefordiæ debet Lxxii l & xviii s & viii d de Veteri tallagio. *Ib. juxt.*

Civitas Herefordiæ r c de xl marcis de tallagio. In thesauro liberavit, Et Quieta est. *Ib. juxt.*

(m) Cives Herefordiæ reddunt compotum de xl l bl[ancorum] de firma villæ suæ, Et xl l bl[ancorum] de eadem de anno præterito, Qui sunt extenſi ad quater xx iiiii l numero; In thesauro xx l, Item in thesauro xl —. Et debent xiiii l. *Mag. Rot. 20 Edw. 1. tit. Heref. m. 1. a.*

(n) Cives Herefordiæ r c de xlii l numero pro xl l bl[ancis], de feodi firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv & in Rotulo secundo Regis H; In thesauro xl l in ii talliis, Et debent xl s, Et respondent in dorſo Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Heref. m. 1. a.*

(o) Cives Herefordiæ reddunt compotum de xlii l numero pro xl l bl[ancorum] de feodi firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv Regis E Patris —.

Ballivi Civitatis Herefordiæ debent ix d de redditibus diversarum domorum quæ fuerunt Judæorum, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv & xii Regis Patris. De quibus Cives respondent supra. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. Heref.*

CH A P. K *Richard II* (*p*), *K Henry IV* (*q*), and *K Henry VI* (*r*).

I. In the reign of *K Henry III*, the Town or City of *Chichester* was the Kings Town. It paid Tallage to the King (*s*), and a yearly Ferme for the Town (*t*). It continued in the hands of the Citifens at Fee-ferm in the reigns of several succeeding Kings, namely, of *K Edward III* (*u*), *K Richard II* (*w*), *K Henry IV* (*x*), and other Kings. A great Number of other Cities and Towns were also vested in the Crown, in several Ages past; as may be seen in the History of the Exchequer (*y*), in this Volume (*z*), and in other printed books. The Cities and Towns beforenamed which were anciently vested in the Crown, and many other Cities and Towns, do continue vested in the Crown at this day. But the Fee-farms of many of them have been granted-away from the Crown in the modern times; contrary to good prudence. The aforesaid Fee-farms and many other Rents, were vested in Trustees appointed by an Act of Parliament made for the Sale of them, in the Reign of *K Charles II* (*a*).

When

(*p*) Cives Herefordiæ debent xlii l numero pro xli l bl[ancorum] de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii—. *Mag. Rot. 13 Ric. 2. tit. Heref. m. 1. a.*

(*q*) Cives Herefordiæ debent xlii l numero pro xli l bl[ancorum], de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo xv Regis E secundi—. De quibus iidem Cives respondent in dorso Rotuli.

Ballivi Civitatis Herefordiæ debent ix d, de redditu diversarum domorum quæ fuerunt Judæorum, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv Regis E tercii—. De quibus Cives Herefordiæ respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. m. 1. a. tit. Herefordia.*

(*r*) Cives Heref[ordiæ] debent xlii l numero pro xli l bl[ancorum] de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. tit. Heref. m. 1. a.*

(*s*) Villata de Cycestria [debet] xl marcas de taillagio.

Villata de Sorham [debet] xv marcas de eodem. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. a. Sudsexia.*

(*t*) Cives Cicestriæ reddunt compotum de xxxviii l & xs de firma villæ suæ; Et de xxxviii l & xs de eadem de anno præterito; Et Lxxviii l de annis xiii^o & xii^o; Et xxxv s de remanenti ejusdem de anno xi^o; Et xli s de remanenti ejusdem de anno x^o: In Thesaurario Lxxv s de remanenti firmæ de anno x^o & xi^o: Et debent C & Liii l: Idem reddunt compotum de eodem debito; In Thesaurario Nil; Et ipsis Civibus C & Liii l, per Breve Regis; In quo continetur quod firma Villæ Cycestriæ computetur Civibus ejusdem Villæ de tempore quo Villa illa extitit in manu R Comitis Cornubiæ Fratris Regis, videlicet a xx die Augusti Anni xi, usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis anni xvi; Et de cetero quamdiu eadem Villa fuerit in manu ejusdem Comitis per præceptum Regis. Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 3. tit. Sudsex[ia].*

(*u*) Cives Civitatis Cicestriæ debent xxxvii l per annum de feodi firma Civitatis prædictæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo xiii & x Regis Patris. Et respondent

in. Item Suffexia. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. b. Suffexia.*

(*w*) Cives Civitatis Cicestriæ debent xxxvii l per annum de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis ab octavo die Junii anno L^o Regis E tercii, quo die E Princeps Walliæ obiit, sicut continetur in Rotulo vii. *Mag. Rot. 13 Ric. 2. tit. Suffex, m. 2. b.*

(*x*) Cives Civitatis Cicestriæ debent xxxvii l per annum de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis ab octavo die Junii anno L^o Regis E tercii, quo die E Princeps Walliæ obiit, sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis R secundi—. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. m. 2. a. Suffexia.*

(*y*) *Hist. Excheq. cap. 10, cap. 11, c 15, c 17.*

(*z*) *Firma Burgi, cap. 6.*

(*a*) Iidem Vicecomites debent CCCxv l per annum Numero, de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Brevia de anno xxii Regis Ricardi secundi, Termino S Michaëlis, Rotulo xvii, Allocatum in Rotulo xx ejusdem Regis, sicut continetur in Rotulis xv & xvi dicti Regis, & in Rotulo v Regis Edwardi tertii, & in Rotulo ix^o Regis Edwardi primi; In thesauro nichil. Sed non debent summoneri de CCLxix l vii d inde, Nec debet eadem firma de cetero onerari; Eo quod Franciscus Dominus Hawley Carolus Harbord Miles & alii fiduciarii appunctuati per actum Parliamenti de anno xxii & xxiii nuper Regis Caroli secundi, pro venditione feodi firmarum-reddittuum & aliorum reddituum Domini Regis, per Indenturam suam datam viii die Maii anno Regni sui xxvi, irrotulat[am] in Curia Scaccarii Domini Regis, videlicet in Memorandis ex parte dicti Rememoratoris Regis termino S Michaëlis anno xxvi prædicto, Rotulo x, pro consideratione in eadem expressa, vendiderunt & alienaverunt prædict[os] Feodi firmas-reddittus, post mortem Domine Regine Catharinæ, Johanni Kent Rogero Reeve & Johanni Hawkins, & hæredibus suis imperpetuum. Et debent xlv l xix s v d. Et respondent inde infra. Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 9 Annæ, tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

CHAP. When the King was seised of a City or Town in demeane, he had a compleat S E C T. V.

I. seisin of It with all its parts and adjuncts. He was Lord of the Soil, to wit, of all the Land within the Site and precinct of the Town (b); of all the Burgage-houses, sheds, stalls, and buildings erected on the said land; He was Lord and proprietour of the profits (if any) of *Aldermanries* (c); the herbage and productions of the earth, profits of Fairs and markets, Pleas and perquisites of Courts; in a word, of all issues profits and appurtenances of the City or Town of any kind, which had not been aliened by the King or some of his Ancestours. But sometimes the Crown thought fit to grant some part of a City or Town, or some profit or appurtenant thereof to a private man or to a Religious House. By which means it sometimes came to pass, that the property of a City or Town was divided into a Half a Third or other part or parts, or perhaps certain of the profits or appurtenances of the City or Town became severed from the *Corpus Civitatis*. A few instances of these particulars may be here set-down.

A Fair in the City of *Exeter*, and a House There, were in very ancient time granted by the Crown to *William de Helyun*. By this Grant the Fair and House were severed from the Rest of the City of *Exeter*. In the reign of K *Henry II* That Fair and House were revested in the Crown by Escheat (d). The City of *Canterbury* was the Demeane of the Crown. Part of the Soil of the City was granted by the Crown to the Priour of *Christ-Church* There (e). The City or Town of *Coventry* was the Kings Demeane. But part of it (commonly called *Erlespart*) was afterwards vested in the Earl of *Chester*; probably by Grant from the Crown (f). It doth also appear, that in Former times an *Aldermanry* of a City or Town might be Hereditary. For example. An *Aldermanry* in *Lincoln* was hereditary. It passed by descent from an Uncle to his Nephew. K *Henry III*, in the Second year of his reign, by a Close writ under the Seal of *Willi-Mareschall* Earl of *Pembroke*, Rector of the King and Kingdom, whose Seal the King for the present used instead of his Own, commanded the Bailifs of *Lincoln* to give unto *John de Holm* such faisine of the Aldermanry of *Lincoln* with its pertinencies, as his Uncle *Adam* had on the day in which he left his Mayoralty (g). Likewise Sir *Ralf de Arderne* Knight was seised in Fee of an *Aldermanry* in *London*. From him it descended to *Thomas* his Son and Heir. And he granted it in Fee to *Ralf le Fenere*. In or about the Fifth year of K *Edward I*, *Thomas de Ardern* son and heir of Sir *Ralf de Ardern* Knight granted to *Ralf le Fenere* Citizen of *London*, his *Aldermanry* with its appurtenances and rights, within the City of *London* and in the Suburb thereof, within *Ludgate* and *Neugate* and without; which *Aldermanry*

(b) *Postbac* cap. 11. sect. 3. in the case of the Priour of *Canterbury*.

(c) In the reign of K *Edward I*, the Abbot and Convent of *St. Austin* *Canterbury* granted the Aldermanry of *Westgate* in *Canterbury*, by the name of *Aldermannia* de *Westgate*, to *Nicolas Doge*, under the yearly rent of x1 sterling. The Crown was anciently seised of the City of *Canterbury* in demeane. And probably this Aldermanry was severed from the rest of the City, by vertue of some ancient Grant made by the Crown to the Abbey of *St. Austin*. *Thorne inter x Scriptores Angliæ*, col. 1926.

(d) *Devenescira*. Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de—; Et de Lxs de *Feria Exonia*, Et de Lxs de *Lestagio*; Summa so much. In thesauro so much, Et Quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de xiiis & iiiid, de *Stallagio Feriæ* quæ fuit *Willelmi de Heliun*; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quietus est.

Et idem reddit compotum de Firma domus unius quæ fuit *Willelmi de Heliun* in *Exonia*; In thesauro xs, Et Quietus est. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 2. Rot. 7. b.*

Devenescira. Comes *Reginaldus*, *Paganus Capellanus* & *Alanus de Furnell[is]* pro eo,

reddit compotum de firma de *Devenescira*—.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Firma Maneriorum, de xvi numero in *Liftona*, Et de xxxiiil in *Chentona*, Et de Lxxii s & id numero in *Gedelega*, Et de iiiil & iiiis & viiid numero in *Fennotri*, Et de xil de *Wicha*, Et de Lxs in *Alricheston*, Et de xiiil in *Tautona*, Et de Lxs de *Feria Exonia*, Et de Lxs de *Lestagio*, Et de xiiis & iiiid de *Stallagio Feriæ* quæ fuit *Willelmi de Heliun*, Et de xs de firma domus quæ fuit ejusdem *Willelmi*, Et de Lxs de firma de *Wasfeld* & de *Parva Tovertona*. Summa quater xx & xil & id. Et Quietus est. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. b. m. i.*

(e) *Firma Burgi*, cap. 11. sect. 3.

(f) *Firma Burgi*, cap. 10. sect. 27.

(g) *Rex Ballivis Lincoln[iæ]* salutem. Præcipimus vobis quod sine dilatione habere faciatis *Johanni de Holm* talem faisinam de *Aldermann[eria]* *Lincoln[iæ]* cum pertinentiis, qualem habuit *Adam Advunculus* ejus eodem die quo se dimisit de Majorietate. Et quoniam &c. Teste *Com[ite]* apud *Westmonasterium* iii die *Novembris*. *Claus. 2 Hen. 3. m. 17.*

CH A P. *manry* lately was the said Sir *Rafe de Arderns*, and was afterwards demised by the S E C T. I. said *Thomas* to *Anketine de Auverne* for his life; To hold to the said *Ralf le Fenere* and his heirs and assigns, of the said *Thomas* and his heirs or assigns, in fee and inheritance for ever; Rendring yearly to the said *Thomas* and his heirs one Clove of a Gillyflower at Easter; *Thomas* and his heirs were to Warant the said Aldermanry to *Ralf le Fenere* and his heirs. The Charter of this Grant or Feofment was delivered by *Thomas* to *Ralf le Fenere* in Full Court of Exchequer ().

In the reign of K *John*, the Town of *Netlested* was divided into Moieties: The King in the Sixth year of his reign, commanded one Half of it to be delivered to *Gerard de Leuremunt*; which Half *Geofrey Fitz-Hamon* had forfeited by revolting to the Kings enemies (b). In the same Kings reign, the Town of *Caudebek* was divided into Moieties. *Alexander de Caudebek* had saisine of one Half of it given to him by the Kings command (i). In fine, whatever things the Crown granted-out in Fee-ferm, of all and singular those things the Crown was at That time seised in demeane. And in regard the King, when he granted a City or Town in Fee-ferm, was wont to grant the Whole City or Town, Soil, profits, adjuncts and pertinencies; That manner of granting in Fee-ferm was a sure token, that the King was Before seised of the Whole City or Town, Soil, profits, adjuncts, and pertinencies thereof.

A City or Town which was vested in the King was commonly stiled *Civitas Regis* Such, *Villa Regis* Such, *Burgus Regis* Such; And the Men or Burgeses thereof *Homines* or *Burgenses Regis* of such a Town or Burgh. In like manner, in *Scotland* the Burghs which are or have been the King of *Scotlands* Burghs are for that Reason called *Royal Burghs*, in *Latin*, *Burgus Regis* or *Regius*. However, we must not fancy, that the Burghs called *Royal*, were more *Royal* than other Burghs, in any other respect than as is mentioned just above; or indeed that Burghs, which are in their own nature *Plebeian*, as consisting of Mercantile persons, either did or can partake of Royalty in any proper sense.

As I have mentioned here above, so stood the case, when the Crown was seised of a City or Town in *Dominico*, in *Demeane*. On the other hand, When the Crown had let-out a City Town or Burgh at Fee-ferm, then the Crown was seised of such City Town or Burgh by Way of Seignury. Thus the Fee-ferms of the Cities and Towns were part of the Ancient Inheritance of the Kings of *England*, and a Flower in their Crown.

VI. In the time of K *William I*, the Bishop of *Exeter* was proprietour of *Critetone*, *Niwetone* [and other Towns] in the County of *Devon* (k). In the reign

() *Londonia*. *Thomas de Ardern filius* & hæres *Radulphi de Ardern Militis*, venit coram Baronibus, & recognovit se dedisse concessisse & carta sua confirmasse *Radulpho Le Fenere Civi Londoniæ*, totam illam Aldermaneriam cum omnibus pertinentiis & juri- bus suis infra Civitatem *Londoniæ* & in sub-urbio ejusdem Civitatis, infra Portas de *Ludgate* & *Neugate* & extra, quæ quondam fuit prædicti *Radulphi* patris prædicti *Thomæ* in eadem Civitate, & in eodem Suburbio, & quam *Anketinus de Auverne* habuit & tenuit postmodum, ex dimissione prædicti *Thomæ*, ad terminum vitæ ejusdem *Anketini*; Habendum & tenendum prædicto *Radulpho le Fenere* & hæredibus vel assignatis suis, de prædicto *Thoma* & hæredibus vel assignatis suis, vel cui & quando seu quibus illam dare vendere legare, seu alio modo assignare voluerit, libere quiete bene & in pace, in feodo & hæreditate inperpetuum. Redden- do per annum dicto *Thomæ* & hæredibus suis unum Clavum Gariofili ad Pascha, pro omnibus secularibus serviciis & rebus cunctis. Et prædictus *Thomas* & hæredes vel assignati sui prædictam Aldermaneriam, cum omni-

bus pertinentiis juriis & aliis, dicto *Radulpho* & hæredibus suis warrantizabunt acquie- tabunt & defendent, per prædictum servici- um. Et dictus *Thomas* in pleno Scaccario liberavit prædicto *Radulpho* cartam suam super præmissis. *Trin. Communia* [4 &] 5 *Edw.* 1. *Rot.* 6. b.

(b) *Nova Oblata*. *Robertus de Netlested* debet xls, pro habenda Inquisitione utrum medietas Villæ de *Netlested*, quam Rex præcepit tradi *Gerardo de Leuremunt*, fuerit dominicum *Galfridi filii Hamonis*, qui tornatus est ad inimicos Regis. *Mag. Rot.* 6 *Job. Rot.* 18. b. tit. *Norfolch* & *Sudfolch*.

(i) *Nova Oblata*. *Robertus de Curtenai* & *Alicia* uxor ejus debent CCC marcas & duos palefridos, pro habenda saisina medietatis Villæ de *Caudebec*, unde *Alexander de Caudebec* habuit saisinam per præceptum Regis, ita quod ipsi postea deducantur de tota Villa de *Caudebec* secundum consuetudinem & Assisam regni. *Mag. Rot.* 8 *Job. Rot.* 4. b. tit. *Cumberland*.

(k) *Terra Episcopi de Exonia*. Episcopus de *Exonia* habet in Civitate unam ecclesiam quæ

CHAP reign of the same King, *Judhel de Totenais* was Lord of the Burgh of *Totenais*. S E C T. VI
 I. He held it of the King. There were Then within the Burgh C Burgeses wanting
 Five, and xv without the Burgh who tilled the ground. Amongst them all they
 yielded viii^l by tale. Formerly they yielded iii^l by Weight and arsure. This
 Burgh did not geld save when *Exeter* gelded. And Then it paid xl pence for
 geld (l).

In the reign of K *Henry I*, *Robert Fitz-Richard* was Lord of the Burough of
Maldon in *Essex* (m). *William* Earl of *Warwick* was Lord of the Burough of
Warwick (n), *Robert Fossard* a Great Baron in the North of *England* was Lord
of the Town of *Danecastre*. He mortgaged it to K *Henry I* (o). In the reign of
K *Henry II* and afterwards, the persons hereunder named were Lords or Owners
of the Towns hereunder specified; to wit, *Gerard de Canvill* was Lord or Owner
of the Town of *Cherleton* (p), *Ywein de Chrikeston* of the Town of *Chrike-*
ston (q), *William Torel* of the Town of *Yle* (r), *Roger de Poles* of *Suane-*
wiz (s), *William de Ivri* of *Ellecumbe* (t); The City of *Saresbury* was from an-
cient time part of the possessions of the Bishoprick of *Saresbury* (u). In the First
year of K *Richard I*, the Town of *Benflet* belonged to the Priour and Convent
of *Westminster*. *William de Einesford* the Third held it of them for his Life, at the
yearly ferm of xxiiii^l. *William* released to them his estate for Life, in the Kings
Court before the Barons of the Exchequer (w). In the sixth year of K *John*, the
Town

quæ reddit i markam argenti, & xlvii do-
mus redd[entes] x sol[idos] & x den[arios];
& duæ domus sunt vastatæ per ignem.

Ibi ii acræ terræ & dimidia, & jacent cum
terra burgensium qui ad ecclesiam pertinent.

Cum hoc Manerio [sc. Critetone] tenet
idem Episcopus Niwetone; & geldat pro iii
hidis.

De hoc Manerio ostendit Osbernus Episco-
pus cartas suas, quæ testantur ecclesiam S
Petri inde fuisse saisitam antequam rex E
regnaret.

Insuper T R Willelmi diracionavit coram
Baronibus Regis esse suam. Valet iii libras.
Domno tenet. *Lib. Domesd. fol. 101. b. col.*
2. Devenescire.

(l) Terra *Judhel de Totenais*. *Judhel* te-
net de Rege *Totenais* burgum, quod rex
Eduuardus in dominio tenebat. Ibi sunt in-
tra burgum C burgeneses v minus, & xv ex-
tra burgum terram laborantes. Inter omnes
reddunt viii libras ad numerum. Olim red-
debant iii libras ad pensum & arsuram.

Hoc burgum non geldat nisi quando Ex-
onia geldat, & tunc reddit xl denarios pro
geldo.

Si expeditio vadit vel per terram vel per
mare, inter *Totenais* & *Barneftaple* & *Lide-*
ford, tantum reddunt servitii quantum Ex-
onia reddit. *Lib. Domesd. tit. Devenescire,*
fol. 108. b. col. 1.

(m) *Robertus* filius *Ricardi* Dapifer. Om-
nibus Hominibus & amicis suis *Francis* &
Anglis salutem. Sciatis quia concedo Deo &
ecclesie Sanctæ Mariæ de *Maldona*, & Adæ
servo ejusdem ecclesie, & Fratribus suis de
Sancto Martino, quicquid prædicta ecclesia
tenuit tempore *Henrici* Regis; & hoc pro
anima patris mei & Matris meæ, & pro ani-
ma mea & uxoris meæ & infantum meorum,
sicut umquam melius & quietius tenuit, Sal-
vis consuetudinibus Burgi mei. Testibus,
Domina *Mathilde* uxore Domini *Roberti*, &
Elia Cap[ellano], & *Roberto* filio *Walteri*
Dapiferi, & *Gaufrido* de *Marci*, & *Rannulfo*

de *Venguns*, apud *Wdeham*. *Ex autographo*
extante in archivo Ecclesie Collegiatæ S Petri
Westmonasterii.

(n) In Burgo meo de *Warrewico*. *Hist. Ex-*
cheq. p 39, col. 2. l.

(o) *Hist. Scacc. viz. in Disceptatione epistola-*
ri, p 73. col. 2. e.

(p) *Cherleton* *Gerardi* de *Canvill* reddit
compotum de xxs, quia cognoverunt quod
prius negaverunt; In thesauro liberavit, Et
Quieta est. *Mag. Rot. 31 Hen. 2. Rot. 12. a.*

(q) *Ywein* de *Chrikeston* reddit compotum
de Cs, quia Homines sui transfretarunt in
Hyberniam sine licentia; In thesauro libera-
vit, Et *Quietus* est. *Ib. juxta.*

(r) *Villata* de *Yle* *Willelmi Torel* debet i
marcam, quia non fecerunt sectam de morte
Aluredi de *Anevill*. *Willelmus* Præpositus
ejusdem Villæ debet dimidiam markam pro
eodem. *Ibidem juxta.*

(s) Homines *Rogeri* de *Poles* de *Suane-*
wiz debent dimidiam markam, quia injuste
faisiaverunt se de *Craffo* *Pisce*. *Mag. Rot.*
31 Hen. 2. Rot. 12. a. tit. Dorseta & Su-
merfeta.

(t) *Ellecumba* *Willelmi* de *Juri* debet x
marcas pro i homine utlagato ibi recepto &
mortuo. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. a.*
Wiltescira.

(u) *Ryly Plac. Parl. p 271.*

(w) Prior Ecclesie beati *Petri* de *West-*
m[onasterio] & Conventus ejusdem loci red-
dunt compotum de i marca, ut scribatur in
Magno Rotulo, quod *Willelmus* de *Einesford*
tertius clamavit eis Villam suam de *Benflet*
cum pertinentiis suis quietam, quam debuit
tenere de eis tantum in vita sua ad firmam
pro xxiiii libris, & quod reddidit eis Cartam
suam, quam habuerat de hac Conventione, in
Curia Regis coram Baronibus de *Scaccario*.
Mag. Rot. 1 Ric. 1. Rot. 13. b. London[ia]
& *Middelfexa.*

CH A P. Town of *Lose* was vested in *William de Lose*. He levied a Fine thereof in the S E C T. VI.
 I. *Kings Court* at *Westminster*, to the Priourie of *Canterbury* (x). In the Eleventh year of K *Henry III*, *William Briwerre* was Lord of the several Towns of *Chesterfeld* (with the Wapentak of *Scaruedal*), *Snointon*, *Axeminstre*, and *Stokes* (y). In the reign of K *Edward III*, the Town of *Clyfton Dertemuth* and *Hardenesse* with the Port of *Dertemuth* was the possession of *Nicolas de Teukesbury*. He granted and released the same to the King in fee simple. And the Men and Tenants of the Town and Port attourned to the King, and Did their fealties (z).

Several Lords of Baronies held in demean all the Towns whether Corporate or not-corporate which were within their Baronie. For example. The Town of *Bristou* was part of the ancient Honour of *Gloucester*. The Earls of *Gloucester* held the Town in dominio (a); the Burgh of *Arundel* was parcell of the Honour of *Arundel* (b); the Burgh of *Walingeford* was part of the Honour of *Walingeford*.

(x) Hæc est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domini Regis apud Westm[onasterium], a die Sancti Martini in xv dies anno regni Regis Johannis Sexto, coram G filio Petri, Eustac[hio] de Faucumberge, Osberto filio Hervei, Waltero de Creping, Justiciar[iis], & aliis Baronibus Domini Regis tunc ibi presentibus, Inter Willelmum de Lose petentem, & Gaufridum Priorem Sanctæ Trinitatis Cantuariæ tenentem, per Rogerum Mariscallum positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum, de tota Villa de Lose cum pertinentiis, unde placitum fuit inter eos in præfata Curia, scilicet quod prædictus Willelmus recognovit totam prædictam Villam cum pertinentiis esse Jus ipsius Prioris & Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis Cantuariæ. Et pro hac recognitione & fine & concordia —, here follow several conventions. Ex Registro, B, fol. 413, a. in archivo Decani & Capituli Cantuariæ.

(y) Willelmus Briwere r c de DC marcis, pro habenda tali faifina de Villa de Cestrefeld cum Wapentac de Scaruedal cum pertinentiis suis, & villa de Snointon cum pertinentiis, in Notingham & Derby, & de piscaria de Kingeswer in Comitatu Sumerfet[æ], & de Villa de Axeministre, cum hundredo & pertinentiis suis, in Comitatu Devon[iæ], & terra de Stokes in Comitatu Norhamton[iæ], quas Willelmus Briwerre pater suus habuit die qua se dimisit de Villis illis & hundredo; & ut sit quietus de relevio suo de omnibus terris suis; Ita quod non diffaisietur sine Judicio & lege terræ de aliquo prædictorum. Et si Rex vel alius versus eum de aliquo loqui voluerit, stabit inde recto in Curia Regis. Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 3. tit. Devon[iæ].

(z) Pro Rege, de Villa de Clyfton &c. in manum Regis seifienda. Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum Nicholas de Teukesbury per cartam suam nobis dederit concefferit reddiderit & omnino quietam clamaverit, de se & hæredibus suis, Villam de Clyfton Dertemuth & Hardenasse, ac portum de Dertemuth cum pertinentiis, & quicquid juris & Dominii habuit vel habere potuit in Villa & portu prædictis, ut in redditibus servitiis libertatibus & omnibus proficuis quibuscumque, ad Villam & portum prædictos quoquo modo spectantibus; prout

in carta illa plenius continetur: assignavimus dilectum Clericum nostrum Johannem atte Bergh ad seifinam de Villa & portu prædictis cum pertinentiis, necnon ad fidelitates Hominum & tenencium Villæ & portus prædictorum nostro nomine capiendas, & eosdem Villam & portum salvo custodiri faciendos, donec aliud inde duxerimus ordinandum. In cujus &c; T Rege apud Notingham xi^o die Maii. Ex Originali, 1 Edw. 3. Rot. 25.

(a) Terra Com[itis] Glocestriæ. Hugo Bard[ulf] reddit compotum de Veteri firma. Et idem de Nova firma, scilicet de CC & Li l & xii s, de firmis Maneriorum missorum ad firmam a tempore Comitis Willelmi, Et de xiii l & xvii d de perquisitionibus eorundem Maneriorum, Et de C & Lxvii l & viii d de redditu assiso Maneriorum quæ erant in custodia ante adventum Justiciarum.

Et de Lix l & vs & v d, de perquisit[i]onibus illorum Maneriorum, Et de C & xiii l & xiii s & iii d, de Blado & Lana & pluribus rebus venditis, Et de C & xix l & vii s & v d, de exitu de Bristou & Molend[inorum] & Nundinarum. Summa DCC & xxiii l & xiii d.

Et pro locanda domo apud Bristou, ubi redditus Regis recipiuntur, xs, Et in Liberatione Clerici qui colligit redditus Regis apud Bristou, Lxs & xd; — Et emendatione Turris de Bristou, & pro locandis Carpentar[iis], & pro Petris ad Molendina, & in reparandis Domibus per Maneria, xiii l & v d, per idem breve [i. e. Regis]. Mag. Rot. 31 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b.

(b) Honor de Arundel.

De Rogero filio Reinfridi CC & xli l & xvs & ii d, de firma Honoris de Arundel.

De eodem xxvs & vi d de Hardigton, Esch[aeta].

De eodem xiii s & viii d de terra Nest de Barri.

De eodem Lx & vis & ix d, de Strethamton Esch[aeta].

De eodem iii l de Osham, Esch[aeta].

De eodem C & xi s & v d, de Caterigton.

De eodem xs & ix d de Chintinges.

De eodem iii l & iii s & vi d, de Exitibus Hundredorum.

De eodem iii l & iii s de Presteton.

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De

CHAP. *ford (c)*; and so for the rest. In like manner, the Great or Baronial Abbots and S E C T.

I. Priours commonly held the Towns lying within their Seignury in demeane. But VII.

I forbear to enlarge on this head.

VII. The yearly profit which the King made of his Cities Towns or Burghs was commonly raised and paid to Him in a fundry manner. For example. The issues of some of them were included in the General Ferm rendred for the County wherein they lay. And then the ferm or issues of them were answered to the King by the Sherif of the same County. Sometimes the Sherif of the County held a Town as *Custos* or Fermer of it; and answered to the King for the issues or ferm of it apart from the general Ferme of the County. Sometimes the King committed his Town to a Fermer *Custos* or Apprower distinct from the Sherif of the County. In brief, sometimes the King was pleased to demise or let his Town to the Townsmen thereof at Ferm, that is to say, either in Fee-ferm, or at Ferm for Years. All these particulars are exemplified in the *History of the Exchequer (d)*, in this Volume, and other printed books.

It is said above in this Chapter, that the Kings of *England* did sometimes let-out their Towns at Ferme to Particular Townsmen, or to the Body of Them, for Term of years, or during the Kings pleasure. Two or three instances thereof may here be given. In Old times the City of *Winchester* made a considerable figure amongst the Cities and Towns of *England*. In It the Kings Treasure or part of it was oftentimes kept, and other things of value belonging to the Exchequer (*e*). In the Two and thirtieth year of K *Edward I*, the City of *Winchester* was lett to ferm to the Citifens, during the Kings pleasure (*f*). It was also demised to the Citifens upon the same terms in the Twelfth year of K *Edward II (g)*, in the Eighteenth

De eodem xs, de Burgo Arundelli præter firmam.

De eodem xs de relevio de la Putte. Ex Rotulo anni 31 Henrici 2 Regis, cui titulus Rotul-Honorum &c, in archivo Remem. Thef. Scaccarii Regii.

(c) Honor de Walingef[orda].

De Gilleberto Basset xxi & iii s & viii d, de firma de Chauegraue.

De eodem vii d de firma de Ricote.

De eodem iii l & viii s & iii d de firma de Gathantona.

De eodem xiiii l & vi s & vi d, de Burgo de Waligeford. Ex eodem Rotulo perantiquo cui titulus Rotulus Honorum &c, ex parte Remem. Thef. Scaccarii Regii. Et vide Hist. Exch. p 226. col. 1. c.

(d) Cap. 10, sect. 5 &c.

(e) CIVITAS WINTONIAE. TURSTINUS Vicecomes reddit compotum de firma Civitatis Wintoniae —.

Et in liberat[ura] Radulfi Vituli xix l & xvii s & vi d, de Itinere de Wallia.

Et Nicol[ao] de Sigillo vii l, ad conducendum Damas Regis.

Et in Cera in Camera Regis, per Radulfum filium Stephani, C & iii s.

Et in Pane ad Corredium Regis, xliii s, per Gaufridum Angl[icum].

Et pro Lorreins ad opus Regis, Willelmo Lorreinario, xli s, per breve Regis.

Et in conducend[is] Coronis Regis (the word Coronis is written at length in the Roll) ad Wirec[estriam] de Wintonia, xliii s & viii d, Et ad conducendum archam cum talliis duobus Itineribus, xxiii s & viii d.

Et in Summariis & conductu thesauri de Wintonia ad Carloill, xliii l & xs, per Comitem Legrec[estriae].

Et in liberat[i]one Sciprorum in Passagio Regis, vii l.

Et in Corredio Reginae, per Comitem Legrecestriae, xxvii l & xliii s & iii d.

Et ad opus Reginae, xli s, per breve ipsius Test[e] Joscelino de Baill[iolo].

Et in Passagio Sororis Regis, ii marcae argenti per breve Reginae.

Et in Sellis & Lorreins Regis, C & xliii s, per breve Reginae, per Spileman.

Et pro Incenso ad opus Reginae & pro Bacinis, vs & vi d.

Et pro Pipere & Cum[ino] & Canell[is] & Amand[is] ad opus Reginae, xv s & iii d.

Et in operat[i]one Castell[i] & Ballii, & in minutis negociis Reginae, xlv s & iii d.

Et in liberat[i]one Probatorum Regis, Lxi s.

Et habet de Superplus, xliii s & viii d. Mag. Rot. 4 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a. m. 2.

Turstin was at this time Sherif of the County of Southamton; Hantescira. Turstinus Vicecomes reddit compotum de xxxiii l & vs & x d bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma; Nicolao de Sigillo xxxv l, ad opus Gubernatorum Regis in Itinere de Wallis, numero; Et Quietus est. Et idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de Nova firma. Mag. Rot. 4 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a.

(f) Cives Wyntoniae debent C marcas de firma Civitatis Wyntoniae, tenend[ae] per talem firmam quamdiu Regi placuerit. In thesauro —. Mag. Rot. 32 Edw. 1. tit. Suthamtonia, m. 2. a.

(g) Cives Wyntoniae r c de C marcis de firma Civitatis suae, quam Civitatem Rex E pater Regis concessit eisdem Civibus, Habend[um] ad firmam a primo die Februarii anno xxiii quamdiu Regi placuerit —; ita quod

CH A P. Eighteenth year of K *Edward II* (*b*), in the Twelfth (*i*), the Eighteenth (*k*), S E C T. VII.
I. and the Thirtieth year of K *Edward III* (*l*); in the Second (*m*), and Fifth year of K *Richard II* (*n*); in the Fifth year of K *Henry IV* (*o*), in the Twelfth year of K *Edward IV* (*p*), in the Fourth year of K *Edward VI* (*q*); in the Twentyninth year of Q *Elizabeth* (*r*); in the Thirteenth year of K *James*

quod eis allocentur elemosinæ constitutæ —. Quæ quidem Civitas est de corpore Comitatus, sicut continetur in Rotulo xi Regis E filii Regis H, & pro qua Civitate Vicecomes reddidit per annum quaterviginti xl, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxii & in Rotulo præcedente. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. in Suthamtonia, m. 1. a.*

(*b*) Homines Wyntoniz debent Lxs, ut Draperya quæ est in monetar[ia] ammoveatur usque in magnum vicum ubi esse consuevit. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Suthamton, m. 1. a.*

Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas de firma Civitatis ejusdem, habendæ a secundo die octobris anno xvi, quamdiu Regi placuerit, Reddendo unam medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium S Michaelis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi. *Ibid. m. 1. a.*

(*i*) Cives Wyntoniz r c de C marcis de firma Civitatis ejusdem, Habend[æ] a secundo die octobris anno xvi quamdiu Regi placuerit —. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 3. tit. Suthamtonia, m. 1. a.*

(*k*) Cives Wyntoniz r c de C marcis de firma ejusdem Civitatis, habend[æ] a secundo die octobris anno xvi quamdiu Regi placuerit, Reddendo unam medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium S Michaelis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi, Et CC marcis de annis præteritis —. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. tit. Suthamptonia, m. 1. a.*

(*l*) Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas de firma ejusdem Civitatis, Habend[æ] a secundo die octobris anno xvi quamdiu Regi placuerit —. *Mag. Rot. 30 Edw. 3. in Suthamtonia, m. 1. a.*

(*m*) Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas de firma ejusdem Civitatis, habend[æ] a secundo die Octobris anno xvi^o Regis E tercii quamdiu Regi placuerit, Reddendo ad festa Paschæ & S Michaelis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi^o Regis E tercii. De quibus iidem Cives respondent in Item Suhamt[escira]. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Item Suhamt. m. 1. a.*

Cives Wyntoniz per Stephanum Deyere Ballivum suum r c de xii d pro Waltero Ballard, sicut continetur in Rotulo principali, Et xii d pro Laurentio Tresor sicut continetur ibidem, Et iii d pro Adam de Charvetto ibidem, Et ii d pro Petro de Ryvall ibidem, Et iii s pro Ballivis Wyntoniz ibidem, Et vii s vi d pro eisdem Ballivis ibidem, Et viii d pro eisdem Ballivis ibidem, Et C marcis de firma Civitatis prædictæ ibidem, Et xxvi s vi d de debitis pluribus sicut supra continetur, Et v s de exitibus divers[orum] sicut continetur ibidem, Et xviii d de finibus & exitibus divers[orum] ibidem, Et vii xiii s

iiii d de finibus divers[orum] ibidem, Et ix s de exitibus divers[orum] ibidem; Summa, Lxxvii iiii iii d; In Thesauo C marcas in ii Talliis de firma sua; Et in Thesauo ix l x s; Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. tit. Item Suhamt[escira], m. 2. a.*

(*n*) Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas de firma ejusdem Civitatis, Habend[um] a secundo die octobris anno xvi Regis E tercii quamdiu Regi placuerit —. *Mag. Rot. 5 Ric. 2. in Suthamtonia, m. 1. a.*

(*o*) Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas de firma ejusdem Civitatis, habendæ a secundo die octobris anno xvi Regis E tercii, quamdiu Regi placuerit, Reddendo ad festa Paschæ & S Michaelis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii —. *Mag. Rot. 5 Hen. 4. tit. Suthamptonia, m. 1. a.*

(*p*) Cives Wyntoniz debent C marcas, de firma ejusdem Civitatis; Habendum a secundo die Decembris anno xvi^o Regis E secundi, quamdiu Regi placuerit; Reddendo ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi^o Regis E secundi. De quibus iidem Cives respondent in Residuum Suthamtoniz.

Homines Wyntoniz debent Lxs, ut draperia quæ est monetar[orum] amoveatur usque magnum Vicum ubi esse consuevit. De quibus cives Wyntoniz respondent in Residuum Suthamtoniz.

Ballivi Wyntoniz debent viii d per annum, de redditu diversarum domorum quæ fuerunt Judæorum in Civitate Wyntoniz. De quibus Cives Wyntoniz respondent in Residuum Suthamtoniz. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 4. tit. Suthamt[escira], m. 1 & 2. a.*

(*q*) Homines Villæ Suthamtoniz debent i marcam per annum, quam Milites de Templo percipere consueverunt de eisdem Hominibus de Firma dictæ Villæ de Elemosina constituta sicut continetur in Rotulo —.

Ballivi villæ Suthamtoniz debent iii s vi d, de minutis redditibus, sicut continetur ibidem —.

Major Ballivi & Burgenses villæ Suthamtoniz & successores sui debent CC l per annum de antiqua firma villæ prædictæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxix, & in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii de anno xxx Regis H viii, videlicet inter Recorda de termino Paschæ, Rotulo —. *Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6. tit. Villa Suthamtonia, m. 1. a.*

(*r*) Cives Wintoniz, per Ricardum Emerye & Henricum Bylston Ballivos suos, reddunt] compotum de Lxxiii s viii d, de octo firmis exactis sub nominibus diversorum, sicut continetur in Rotulo principali. — Et non debent summoniri de quinquaginta marcis, parcella

CHAP. James I (s), and in the Two and twentieth year of the same King (t). SECT. VII.

I. In the one and fortieth year of K Henry III, the Town of Wyche was let to firm to the Townsmen during the Kings Will (u). Afterwards K Henry III let the Town of Wyche at Ferme to Simon Aleyn and Richard Son of Jocey for Five years. They found pledges to pay the Ferme duly (w). In the Reign of K Edward I, and afterwards, the Town of Gypwic was lett to Philip Herneys and other Townsmen at Ferm, during the Kings pleasure (x). The Burough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset was anciently in the hands of the Burgeses thereof, at the yearly Ferm of xvli. K Edward II raised their Ferm to xxl a-year. To the intent the Burgeses might not be disquieted by any Custos set over them by the Officers of the Crown, K Edward III granted the said Burough to the Burgeses thereof, To hold for Ten years then next, Rendring Twenty pounds to the King at his Exchequer yearly (y). In the Second year of K Richard II, the City and Castle of Rochester with the Castlegards were committed to the Custody of

parcella C marcarum per annum, de feodi firma Civitatis Winton[iæ], Eo quod Dominus Philippus & Domina Maria nuper Rex & Regina Angliæ, per Literas suas patentes sub Magno Sigillo suo Angliæ confectas, gerentes datam apud Hampton Courte octavo die Septembris, annis regnorum suorum primo & secundo, concesserunt inter alia Majori & Civibus Civitatis Wintoniæ & Successoribus suis, quinquaginta marcas parcellam prædictarum Centum marcarum [supra] annotat[arum], a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli quod erit in anno Domini MDLxiii, usque ad finem termini quinquaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complend[orum], videlicet pro . . . anno quinquaginta annorum, per processum inde habitum, & considerationem] Baronum annotat[am] in Memorandis ex parte Remem[oratoris] Thesaurarii, de anno septimo Reginæ nunc, videlicet inter Recorda de termino Sancti Michaëlis, Rotulo—. Mag. Rot. 29 Eliz. tit. Item Suthamt[escira], m. 1. b.

(s) Cives Wintoniæ hæredes & successores sui deb[ent] C marcas per annum, de feodi firma Civitatis prædictæ, quam quidem firmam Rex Edwardus tertius quinto die Maii anno regni sui primo, concessit & Carta sua confirmavit eisdem Civibus hæredibus & Successoribus suis; Habendum de Rege & hæredibus Regis ad feodi firmam; Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus Regis ad Scaccarium suum, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis, sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo Regis E tertii in residuum Southamt[onia]. De quibus Cives Wintoniæ respondent in Item Suthamt[onia]. Mag. Rot. 13 Jac. 1. tit. Suthamt[onia]. m. 2. a.

(t) Cives Winton[iæ] hæredes & Successores sui debent Centum marcas per annum, de feodi firma Civitatis prædictæ; Quam firmam Rex E tertius, quinto die Martii anno regni sui primo, concessit & Carta sua confirmavit eisdem Civibus, hæredibus & Successoribus suis, Habendum de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus Regis ad Scaccarium suum, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis, sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo Regis E tertii, in Res[idu]um] Southamt[onia]; De quibus Cives

Winton[iæ] r[es]pondent] in Adhuc Item Southamt[onia]. Mag. Rot. 22 Jac. 1. tit. Southamt[onia], m. 2. a.

(u) Wygornia. Rex concessit Hominibus suis de Wychio, quod tenerent illam Villam ad firmam, sicut prius tenere consueverunt, quamdiu Regi placeret. Et ideo mandatum est Vicecomiti, quod de firma nec de amerciamenti firmæ se intromittat, donec aliud mandatum habeat &c. Pas. Communia 41 Hen. 3. Rot. 14. b.

(w) Wigornia. De firma de Wychio reddenda. Simon Aleyn & Ricardus filius Jocey de Wychio, quibus Rex commisit Villam de Wychio ad firmam ad quinquennium, invenerunt subscriptos plegios ad eandem firmam fideliter solvendam ad terminum in brevi contentum, scilicet Johannem de T and four others. Memoranda 55 Hen. 3. Rot. 1. b.

(x) Firma Burgi, cap. 6. sect. 4.

(y) Pro Burgenfibus villæ Dorcest[r]iæ. Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum Burgus noster Dorcestria in Comitatu Dorset[ia], in manibus Burgenfium ejusdem Burgi, pro annua firma sexdecim librarum ad Scaccarium nostrum inde reddendarum antiquitus extitisset, & eadem firma tempore celebris memoriæ Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris nostri ad viginti libras per annum augmentata, & postmodum Isabellæ Reginæ Angliæ matri nostræ carissimæ ad terminum vitæ suæ habenda assignata fuisset, & per redditionem ipsius matris nostræ in manu nostra jam existat: Nos per finem quadraginta solidorum quem præfati Burgenfes fecerunt nobiscum, & ne ipsi per aliquem custodem ejusdem Burgi aliquammodo valeant inquietari, concessimus eis Burgum prædictum; Habendum ad firmam a die Paschæ proximo præterito, usque ad finem decem annorum proximo sequentium completorum; Reddendo inde nobis per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum viginti libras, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ. In cujus &c. T Rege apud Villam de Sancto Edmundo quinto die Junii. Per Billam Thesaurarii. Originale 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 13.

CHAP. of *Simon de Burghe*, at the yearly rent of *Ll (z)*. Afterwards the City of *Roche-S E C T.*
 I. *ster* was committed to the Citifens and their Succellours in Fee-ferme, for *xii l per VII.VIII.*
annum (a).

Thus the King if he pleased demifed his Towns to the Townfmen or others, in like manner as he demifed any of his Manours to the Tenants thereof. How he demifed his Manours in that cafe, may appear from the instance of *Wefton under Egge* here fubjoined. The Manour of *Wefton under Egge* in the County of *Gloucefter*, late the Poffeffion of *John Giffard*, was in the Kings hand by the Forfeiture of the faid *John*. The King in the nineteenth year of his reign committed that Manour to *John Bonetoun*, *William Pynel*, *William Lovekyn*, and the reft of the Tenants thereof, To hold of the King at Ferm for Seven years, Saving to the King the Knights fees, Advoufons of Churches &c; Rendring to the King *xxxiiii l* a-year at the Exchequer, and keeping the premisses in good fupport and repair (b).

VIII. When a Town was put to Fee-ferm, the Tenure of it was *Burgage*. As well particular Burgage-tenements lying in the Town, as alfo the Town it felf were faid to be So holden. For example. In the Thirtyfeventh year of K *Edward III*, fome lands rents and tenements in *London*, lately purchafed by *Michaël de Northburgh* late Bifhop of *London* to him and his Heirs, were found by the Efcheators Inquifition to be holden of the King *in Capite* in Free burgage, like as the whole City of *London* is holden (c). In the Eighteenth year of K *Richard II*, it was Found by

(z) *Simon de Burghe debet Ll per annum de custodia Civitatis & Caſtri Regis Roſſæ, ac Ward[arum] ad idem Caſtrum pertinentium, Habend[a] a xv^o die Decembris anno Li^o Regis E tercii incipiente ad totam vitam fuam, Reddendo dictas Ll tantum, ultra x marcas ann[uas] ei per Regem ad totam vitam fuam inde conceſſas ibidem, Et Ll de anno præterito; Summa, Cl—. In Theſauro liberavit, Et Quietus eſt. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Kancia, m. 1. b.*

(a) *Cives Roſſenſ[es] & Succellores fui debent xii l per annum, de feodi firma Civitatis prædictæ, Habendum & tenendum a xiii^o die Decembris anno primo Regis E quarti, præfatis Civibus & Succelloribus ſuis, de Rege & hæredibus Regis imperpetuum, cum omnibus pertinentiis, Reddendo inde Regi hæredibus & Succelloribus ſuis xii l, ad Scaccarium Paſchæ & Sancti Michaëlis æqualiter, ſicut continetur in Rotulo tertio Regis E tertii in Item Kanc[ia], & in Originali de anno primo, Rotulo Cix^o. In theſauro lib[eraverunt] xxx^o Novembris anno primo de eadem firma de ſol[utione]. Et quieti ſunt &c. Mag. Rot. 22 Jac. 1. tit. Kanc[ia]. m. 1. a.*

(b) *Glouc[estria]. Rex xxvi die Novembris commiſit Johanni Bonetoun, Willelmo Pynel, Willelmo Lovekyn, Johanni Phelipes, Johanni Kullebigge, Johanni Hugh, Johanni le Clerk, Johanni le Hayward, Willelmo Hugh, & cæteris tenentibus Manerii de Wefton ſub Egge in Comitatu Glouc[estria] quod fuit Johannis Gyffard de Wefton nuper inimici & rebelis Regis, & quod per forisfactum ipſius Johannis in manu Regis exiſtit, Manerium prædictum cum pertinentiis, Habendum de Rege ad firmam a feſto Sancti Michaelis proximo præterito, uſque ad finem ſeptem annorum proximo ſequentium plenarie completorum, Salvis Regi feodis Militum, advocacionibus Eccleſiarum, wardis, maritagii, releviis,*

efcaetis, & dotibus, cum acciderint, Reddendo Regi per annum hic pro Manerio prædicto xxxiiii l, unam videlicet inde medieta-tem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, & aliam medieta-tem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis. Et prædicti Johannes Bonetoun, Willelmo Pynel, & cæteri tenentes Manerii prædicti domos & & alia ædificia ibidem ſuſtentabunt in adeo bono ſtatu ſeu meliori quo fuerunt die conſectionis præſentium, & præterea ſolvent elemoſinas & omnia alia ſervitia inde debita durante termino ſuo prædicto. Et ideo mandatum eſt omnibus ad quos &c, quod eiſdem Johanni Bonetoun Willelmo Pynel & cæteris tenentibus prædictis, tanquam Firmariis noſtris Manerii prædicti, in hiis quæ ad firmam illam pertinent, intendentes ſint & reſpondentes in forma prædicta. In cujus rei &c. Teſte W Archiepiſcopo Ebor[aci] Angliæ Primate Theſaurario.

Et eodem die xxvi^o die Novembris mandatum fuit Roberto de Aſton Cuſtodi terrarum forisfactarum in Comitatu Glouceſtriæ, quod Manerium prædictum unacum exitibus inde perceptis a dicto feſto Sancti Michaëlis, præfatis Johanni Bonetoun Willelmo Pynel & cæteris tenentibus prædictis liberet, Habendum in forma prædicta. Teſte ut ſupra. Mich. Commiſſiones & Lit. pat. 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 9. a.

(c) *De exemplificatione. Rex omnibus ad quos &c ſalutem. Inſpeximus tenorem cujuſdam certificationis Johannis Wroth nuper Eſcaetoris noſtri in Civitate Londoniæ, quam in Cancellariam noſtram venire fecimus, in hæc verba. Ego Johannes Wroth Major Civitatis Londoniæ, & Eſcaetor Domini Regis in eadem Civitate, vobis certiſco, quod decimo die Septembris anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii poſt conqueſtum triceſimo quinto, cepi in manum Domini Regis certa terras redditus tenementa, & unam placeam terræ cum ſuis pertinentiis, quæ Michael de Northburgh*

CH A P. by Inquisition taken before an Escheatour, That *Adam Somondour* held in his de- S E C T.
 I. meane as in fee, certain Cotages in the City of *York* of the King *in Capite*, as par- VIII.
 cell of the City of *York*, and in such manner as that whole City is holden (*d*).
 In the Eighteenth year of K *Richard II*, *Thomas Grene* being sued in the Exche-
 quer for *Relief* of his Lands, confessed that he held of the King two tenements in
Silverstrete in *London* in *liberum burgagium*, in such wise as the whole City of
London is held (*e*). In the Third year of K *Henry IV*, *John Child* Pleadeth, that
 his Tenement is situate in the Town of *Winchecumbe*, and is parcell of That Town,
 and that the said Town is the Kings Ancient Burrough, and that the said Tene-
 ment is holden of the King *in chief* in Free Burgage (*ee*). In the Thirtieth year
 of

burgh nuper Episcopus Londoniæ sibi & hæ-
 redibus suis in Civitate prædicta adquisivit,
 videlicet; tres shopas cum solar[iis] superæ-
 edificatis in parochia beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ
 in Veteri Escambio juxta Oldefisshestrete,
 quæ valent quiete per annum sexaginta & sex
 solidos & octo denarios, unum magnum te-
 nementum cum shopis & solar[iis] eidem te-
 nementum annexis, cum suis pertinentiis, in
 parochia beatæ Mariæ de Wollecherchhawe,
 quæ valent quiete per annum quatuor libras
 tresdecim solidos & quatuor denarios, unum
 tenementum & tres shopas cum parvis sola-
 r[iis] in parochia Sancti Martini Otewych,
 quæ valent quiete per annum quadraginta so-
 lidos, unum parvum tenementum in paro-
 chia beatæ Mariæ Olaf in Silver Strete, quod
 valet quiete per annum tresdecim solidos &
 quatuor denarios, & decem shopas cum so-
 lar[iis] superædificatis in parochia Sancti Geor-
 gii juxta Ecclesiam Sancti Pauli London[iæ],
 unde tres shopæ cum tribus solariis valent
 quiete per annum triginta solidos, & septem
 shopæ inde cum septem solariis quæ vacua
 tunc fuerunt & adhuc sunt, & sic nichil va-
 lent per annum, set si allocarentur, valerent
 quiete per annum sexaginta & decem solidos,
 & unam vacuum placeam terræ in prædicta
 parochia Sancti Georgii, quæ nichil valet per
 annum, de quibus terris redditibus tenemen-
 tis & placea terræ cum omnibus suis perti-
 nentiis prædictus Episcopus obiit seifitus in
 Dominico suo ut de feodo. Et quia comper-
 tum fuit per quandam Inquisitionem coram
 me ex officio meo captam, quod omnia præ-
 dicta terræ redditus tenementa & placea ter-
 ræ tenentur de Domino Rege in capite in li-
 berum burgagium, sicut & tota Civitas Lon-
 doniæ, ea de causa cepi omnia prædicta ter-
 ras redditus tenementa & placeam terræ in
 manus Domini Regis, & ea de causa & non
 alia adhuc in manibus Domini Regis existunt.
 Nos autem tenorem prædictum, ad supplica-
 tionem dilecti nobis Roberti personæ Eccle-
 siæ Sancti Georgii London[iæ], exemplifi-
 candum duximus per præfentes. In cujus &c;
 Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xxiii^o
 die Octobris. Pat. 37 Edw. 3. pars 2. m.
 23. intus.

(*d*) Ebor[acis]cira].—Inquisitio ex officio
 capta in Castro Ebor[aci] quarto die Octo-
 bris anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi post
 conquestum Angliæ xv^o, coram Jacobo de
 Pykeryng Chivaler Escaëtore dicti Domini
 Regis in Com[itatu] Ebor., per sacramen-

tum Edmundi Twenge & aliorum Juratorum,
 Qui dicunt super sacramentum quod Adam
 Somondour de Osbaldwyk, qui bastardus fuit,
 obiit die Martis in secunda septimana quadra-
 gesimæ ultimo præteritæ, sine hærede de cor-
 pore suo legitime procreato, Et quod tenuit
 eodem die quo obiit, in dominico suo ut de
 feodo, duo cotagia extra le Monkbarre in sub-
 urbio Civitatis Ebor[aci], & unum cotagi-
 um in Walingate infra Civitatem prædictam,
 de Domino Rege in Capite, ut parcella (*read*
parcellam) Civitatis prædictæ, & prout tota
 illa Civitas tenetur, quæ quidem cotagia ac-
 cidunt Domino Regi per escaëtam, & quod
 valent per annum in omnibus exitibus xiii s
 iiiid.— Hil. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 22.

(*e*) Norhamton, Hertford. Memorandum
 quod Thomas filius & hæres Thomæ Grene
 Chivaler defuncti—*was attached to answer for*
his Relief.—cognovit se tenere—Manerium
 de Norton Davy in Comitatu Norhamtonæ,
 cum hundredo eidem Manerio pertinente, ac
 advocacione ecclesiæ dicti Manerii de Norton,
 de Domino Rege in Capite—. Cognovit
 etiam idem Thomas Grene filius, quod ipse
 tenet, & quod prædictus Thomas pater suus
 tenuit die quo obiit, duo tenementa in Syl-
 verstrete in Londonia de Domino Rege in
 liberum burgagium, sicut tota Civitas Lon-
 doniæ tenetur. Unde non intendit quod ipse
 de aliquo relevio inde versus Regem onerari
 debet.— Trin. Fines 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 4. a.

(*ee*) Glouc. A Demand running upon John
 Child, to account to the King for the issues of a
 Tenement in Wynchecumbe, John Child comes,
 and Pleads a Pardon made by K Edward III, to
 all his Lieges.—Quia dicit quod tenementum
 prædictum situatum est infra villam de
 Wynchecombe & parcella ejusdem villæ, &
 quod eadem villa est antiquus burgus Domini
 Regis, & quod tenementum prædictum te-
 netur de Domino Rege in capite in liberum
 burgagium, per servitium reddendi quolibet
 anno iiiid, ad festum S Michaelis pro Wal-
 gauell, per manus ballivi de Wynchecombe
 qui pro tempore fuerit; qui quidem iiiid per to-
 tum tempus prædictum annuatim soluti fue-
 runt ballivis villæ prædictæ qui pro tempore
 extiterunt; Absque hoc quod tenementum
 prædictum tenebatur de Domino Rege in ca-
 pite, seu adhuc tenetur, per aliquod aliud
 servitium. Et hoc prætendit verificare qua-
 litercumque Curia &c; unde non intendit
 quod Dominus Rex nunc ipsum impetere seu
 computum ab eo exigere velit. Et petit ju-
 dicialium

CHAP. of K Henry VI, it is set-forth in an Escheators Accompt, That certain Shops in S E C T. I. London are holden of the King in free burgage, as the whole City of London is VIII. IX. holden (f). In the Thirtythird year of K Henry VI, Richard Dodd being sued in the Exchequer on the Kings behalf for his Relief, acknowledged that he held several tenements in London of the King in Capite in free Burgage, as the whole City of London is holden (g). In the Thirteenth year of K Henry VIII, Thomas Sonnyff and others Plead, that the tenements in question are held of the King in free burgage, like as the whole City of London is held (h).

The Lord Chief Justice Coke, in his Commentary on Littletons Tenures (bb), saith, "Neither shall the King have Primer seisin of lands holden in Burgage (as some have said), for that it is no Tenure in capite." This Proposition of his, is (I presume) refuted by the Precedents which have been produced in this Section.

IX. Of Gilds and Mestres. First of Gilds. In England the word Gild is of Anglosaxon Birth; and signified a Company, Society, Brotherhead; and sometimes the privileges or free customs belonging to such Company. In Former times there were many Gilds in England. Some of them were Religious, others Secular. The most ancient Gild that occurreth to my memory is That called The English Cnihtengild of London. It doth not appear to me, at What time it was instituted, or for what purposes. It might be called English, because it was of English or Anglosaxon original; for it was founded before the Norman Invasion. This Gild was endowed with Land, and adorned with privileges. The Lands and privileges belonging to it were afterwards given and granted, by the Men of the Gild, to the Canons of the H Trinity of London. And so the English Cnihtengild (or Gild of Young-men) expired or was dissolved. The said Gift and Grant was confirmed to the Canons, by K William I, K William II, and K Henry I (i); and afterwards

dicium &c. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem—. No Judgment is entred. Trin. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 15. b.

(f) —& quæ quidem tres shopæ cum earum pertinentiis tenentur de Domino Rege in libero burgagio, prout dicta Civitas Londonia tenetur—. Pas. Status & Visus 30 Hen 6. in the Accompt of Thomas Chalton late Mayor and Escheator of London, viz. Rotulo pendente post Rot. 14.

(g) Londonia. Ricardus Dodd Barbour & Johannes Smert Armiger are impleaded in the Exchequer, to answer for their Relief. Richard Dodd appeareth in Court, & cognovit se modo tenere unum tenementum cum suis pertinentiis vocatum Le Belle on the Hope, situatum in parochia Sancti Sepulcri extra Neugate in suburbiis Londoniæ, and other tenements situata in parochia B Mariæ de Fanchirch Londonia de Domino Rege in Capite in liberum Burgagium, prout tota Civitas Londonia tenetur. In quo casu prædictus Ricardus Dodd non intendit quod aliquod Relevium Regi debetur de hujusmodi tenura. Et inde petit judicium. Judgment is, quod quoad respondendum Domino Regi de Relevio prædicto eant ad præsens sine die. Pas. Fines 33 Hen. 6. Rot. 2. a.

(h) Civitas London[ia]. In the case of Thomas Sonnyff and others, concerning Three tenements in the parish of St Martin Ludgate, which by Inquisition taken before the Escheatour were Found to be holden of the King in Capite by Knight-service. The Last Will of Scholastica Esterfyld is set-forth verbatim in the Inquisition.

Thomas Sonnyff and the other Defendants

come and Plead (amongst other things), quod prædicta tria Mesuagia sive tenementa cum suis pertinentiis in Inquisitione prædicta specificata tenentur, ac dicto tempore captionis ejusdem Inquisitionis tenebantur, de præfato Domino Rege nunc in libero Burgagio, prout tota Civitas Londonia tenetur; ac quod usitatum fuit a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum hucusque non existit infra dictam Civitatem London[iam], quod quilibet liber homo ejusdem Civitatis poterit alienare & dare terras & tenementa sua quæcunque infra eandem Civitatem London[iam] jacentia sive existentia, tenta de Domino Rege in libero Burgagio, aut aliter seu alio modo, cuicunque personæ aut quibuscunque personis voluerit ad libitum suum, tam ad manum mortuam quam aliter, absque licentia Domini Regis superinde optenta sive optinenda—. Trin. Communia 13 Hen. 8. Rot. 12.

(bb) Lib. 2. cb. 4. sect. 103. fol. 77. a.

(i) H Rex Angl[orum], Ricardo Episcopo London[iæ], & Vicecomitibus, & Præposito, & omnibus Baronibus & fidelibus suis Francis & Anglis de Londonia & de Middelfexa, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Ecclesiæ & Canonicis Sanctæ Trinitatis Londoniæ Socam de Anglica Cnihtenegilda, & terram quæ ei pertinet, infra Burgum & extra, sicut Homines ejusdem Gildæ eis dederunt & concesserunt. Et volo [&] firmiter præcipio, quod bene & honorifice & libere teneant, cum sacca & foca, & Toll & Theang, & Hinfangenetheof, & omnibus consuetudinibus suis, sicut homines prædictæ Gildæ melius habuerunt tempore Regis Eadwardi, & sicut Rex Willelmus pater meus, & frater meus, eis concess-

CHAP. afterwards by K Henry II (*k*). Whether this *Cnihtengild* was of a Religious or S E C T. I. a Secular nature, it is not absolutely certain. According to Mr *Stows* account, it IX

must have been Secular. He says, the Men of this Gild used to perform feats of arms (*l*). Probably he thought so, because they were styled *Cnihts*. Afterwards, he says they were *Burgesses* of *London* (*m*). But these two things are not well consistent. For anciently *Burgesses* were not exercised in Knightly exploits. In brief, were the Gild *Knightly*, or were it *Burgensick*, it was of a Secular nature. If I was allowed to guess; I should apprehend it was a Secular Gild: partly from the Name, as they were styled *Cnihts*, *Young-men* (*n*), or *Men of the Gild*; which were Secular names; and partly because the Men of the Gild (out of Devotion no doubt) granted all their Lands and privileges to a Religious House, the Priourie of the *H Trinity* of *London*; which it is likely they would not have done, if they themselves had been of a Religious Institution.

The *Religious* Gilds were founded chiefly for Devotion and Almsdeeds; the Secular chiefly for Trade and Almsdeeds. Concerning the Religious Gilds it is not my business to speak. So I shall barely mention one or two of them for example sake. In the reign of K *Richard* II, a Fraternity or Gild to the honour of St *George* the Martyr was founded in the City of *Norwich*, consisting of an Alderman Masters Brothers and Sisters. It having been an orderly vertuous Society for the space of Thirty years from the time of its erection, K *Henry* V, in the fifth year of his reign, by a Patent-Letter under his Great Seal confirmed it, made it Perpetual, and granted to it certain Powers and immunities (*o*). K *Henry* V, by a Patent

concefferunt per brevia sua. Testibus, A Regina, & Gaufrido Cancellario, & Gaufrido de Clinton, & Willelmo de Clinton, apud Wodestocam. *Chart. Antiq. N, Nu. 3.*

H Rex Angl[orum] Vicecomitibus & Baronibus Londoniæ, salutem. Præcipio quod Prior & Canonici Sanctæ Trinitatis Londoniæ teneant homines suos & terram suam de anglica Cnihtenegilda, ita bene & in pace, & iuste & quiete & honorifice, sicut antecessores eorum umquam liberius tenuerunt tempore patris mei, & fratris mei, & meo, & tempore Leostani, & ipsi postea hucusque melius. Et super hoc quieti sint de Warda & forisfactura ejusdem, sicut mea propria elemosina, quia inde iuste debent esse quieti, & sicut tam ipsi quam antecessores eorum semper hucusque inde fuere quieti. Teste R de Ver, apud Westmonasterium. *Chart. Antiq. N, Nu. 4.*

(*k*) H Rex Angliæ, Dux Normanniæ & Aquitaniæ & Comes Andegaviæ, Episcopo Londoniæ, & Vicecomitibus, & Præposito, & omnibus Baronibus & fidelibus suis, Francis & Anglis, de Londonia & Middelfexa, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse & confirmasse Ecclesiæ & Canonicis Sanctæ Trinitatis Londoniæ Socam de anglica Cnihtegilda, & terram quæ ei pertinet, infra Burgum [&] extra, sicut homines ejusdem Gildæ eis dederunt & concefferunt. Et volo & firmiter præcipio, quod bene & in pace & honorifice & libere teneant, cum faca & foca, & Toll & Team, & infangenetheof, & omnibus consuetudinibus suis, sicut homines prædictæ Gildæ melius habuerunt tempore Regis Eaduardi, vel aliquo tempore. Testibus, Alianora Regina, & Herberto Albrinc[ensi] Episcopo, & Thoma Cancellario, & Ricardo de Luci, & Hunfrido de Bohem Dapifero, & Radulfo de Hasting, apud Londoniam. *Chart. Antiq. N, Nu. 5.*

(*l*) *Stows Survey of London*, p 115. col. 1. Edit. AD 1633.

(*m*) *Ib.* p 116. col. 1.

(*n*) *Cnihtas & geonge men. Bedæ Hist.* p 208. in *Notis Cl. Wheeloci.*

(*o*) De Gilda & Fraternitate sancti Georgii Norwici fundand[a].

Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum, ut accepimus, quædam Fraternitas & gilda gloriosi Martiris Sancti Georgii in Civitate nostra Norwici, per triginta annos elapsos & amplius continue, bene & honeste gubernatæ fuerint & adhuc existant —: Nos [*The King ratifieth &c*], fraternitatem & gildam prædictas pro nobis & hæredibus nostris acceptamus ratificamus & confirmamus, Ac concessimus quod prædictæ fraternitas & gilda fratrum & Sororum prædictorum, & aliorum qui de eisdem fraternitate & gilda esse voluerint, sint perpetuæ, & Communitas perpetua, temporibus successivis imperpetuum; & quod fraternitas & gilda prædictæ habeant nomen Fraternitatis & Gildæ sancti Georgii Norwici imperpetuum; *That they might yearly choose one Alderman and two Masters* —; Ac etiam quod præfati Aldermannus Magistri fratres & sorores Fraternitatis & Gildæ prædictarum, & Successores sui, sint personæ habiles & capaces ad terras tenementa redditus & servitia acquirend[a], habend[a] recipiend[a], & tenend[a], sibi & Successoribus suis, Aldermanno Magistris fratribus & Sororibus earundem fraternitatis & gildæ imperpetuum, & quod ipsi per nomen Aldermanni Magistrorum Fratrum & Sororum Fraternitatis & Gildæ sancti Georgii Norwici, in quibuscunque Curiis & locis placitare & implacitari, respondere & responderi, ac lucrari & perdere, necnon Commune Sigillum, pro negotiis Fraternitatis & Gildæ prædictarum deserviend[um], habere possint imperpetuum.

CH A P. tent Letter of his Great Seal, gave licence to found a Fraternity or Gild, to the honour of the *H Trinity* and *St George*, in the suburb of *Bristol*, and made it Perpetual (p). S E C T. IX.

These Devotional Gilds were commonly called also Brotherheads and Fraternities. As in the case of the several parishes of *St Andrew* nigh *Baynards-castle*, *London* (q), *St Dunstan* in the East, *London* (r), and others. There are at this day

perpetuum. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus & licentiam dedimus, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, præfatis Aldermanno Magistris fratribus & fororibus, quod ipsi & eorum Successores terras tenementa redditus & servitia infra Civitatem prædictam, usque ad valorem decem librarum per annum quæ de nobis tenentur in burgagio, adquirere possint & tenere sibi & Successoribus suis, tam pro sustentatione unius Capellani divina singulis diebus in ecclesia prædicta pro salubri statu nostro celebraturi, quam pro sustentatione fraternitatis & gildæ prædictarum, ac aliorum operum & pietatis onerum—, Statuto de terris & tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, aut aliquo alio Statuto five ordinatione incontrarium facta, seu eo quod terræ & tenementa prædicta de nobis in burgagio tenentur, non obstant[ibus]. Ac insuper ad amovend[um] manutenenciam confederationem & conspirationem—. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Redyng ix^o die Maii. Pat. 5 Hen. 5. m. 8.

(p) De fraternitate fundanda. Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod carissimus pater noster Dominus H nuper Rex Angliæ per Literas suas patentes [*he doth not say of what date*], de gratia sua speciali concesserit & licentiam dederit, pro se & hæredibus suis quantum in ipso fuit, Johanni Barstaple, To found an Hospital or Almery, and a Gild, in suburbio Bristollia— & quod utraque domus Hospitalitatis five Elemosinariæ ac Fraternitatis five Gildæ prædictarum, per se privata [*it is so in the Roll, but should be* perpetua] & incorporata existeret imperpetuum, & quod unus Capellanorum prædictorum esset Custos Domus Hospitalitatis five Elemosinariæ prædictæ, ac Custos Domus Hospitalitatis five Elemosinariæ sanctæ Trinitatis juxta Laffordesyate in suburbio Bristollia nuncuparetur, & alter eorum Capellanorum esset Magister five Custos fraternitatis five gildæ prædictæ, & Magister five Custos fraternitatis five gildæ Sanctæ Trinitatis juxta Laffordesyate in suburbio Bristollia nuncuparetur imperpetuum, & quod uterque Custodum prædictorum per se esset habilis ad perquirend[um] & recipiend[um] terras tenementa & alias possessiones quæcumque, Habenda sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, ita quod neuter illorum de possessionibus alterius in aliquo nullatenus se intromitteret, & quod uterque Custodum prædictorum nomine suo prænotato, & Successores sui, in quibuscumque Curiis nostris & alibi placitare & implacitari posset, ac commune Sigillum haberet imperpetuum, quodque uterque Custodum prædictorum ac

fratres & forores— might make ordinances and constitutions for the government of their house—, as by the said Letter Patent might appear. The present King, viz. Henry V granteth leave to transferr the said Almery and Gild and to Found a Gild or Fraternity in Honour of the H Trinity and St George. Et quod Fraternitas five Gilda prædicta per se perpetua & incorporata existat imperpetuum, & quod ipsi annuatim quendam Magistrum de seipsis eligere possint, who Magister Gildæ five fraternitatis sanctæ Trinitatis & sancti Georgii Bristoll[iæ] nuncupetur imperpetuum. Et quod prædictus Magister Gildæ five Fraternitatis prædictæ, simul cum gilda five Fraternitate prædicta, sint personæ habiles & capaces ad perquirend[um] & recipiend[um] terras tenementa & alias possessiones quæcumque, habend[a] & tenend[a] sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, and that by the nomine prænotato they might plead and be impleaded—. In cujus &c Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xv die Februarii. Pat. 4 Hen. 5. m. 1.

(q) The paroch of St Andrewes nighe Baynardes Castell. Brotherheads Fraternities and Gildes within the saied paroch, None. Ex Certif. de Collegiis Cantar. &c in Londonia & Midd. de anno 1 Edw. 6, in archivo Augment.

(r) Primo die Februarii anno primo regni Regis Edwardi VI. The Cytie of London and County of Middelfsex, That is the Title of the Survey and Certificate of Colleges Chantries Obits &c. It followeth, Yet the Citie of London. The paroch of St Dunstons in theast. The Fraternitie of our Lady founded of Devosyon within the same Church, that is to saye, John Joye by his Will gave to the personne of the saide Church and to the Master and Wardens of the saide Brotherhed, and to the Wardens of the saide Church and their Successours, one tenement in Cosen lane in the paroch of Alhallowes the much in London, uppon condycyon that they shulde repayre the same tenement, and the Resydeu of the profutes above reparations shuld be towardes the fyndinge of a Chapleyne to praye for the Soules of the brothren and systern of the saide Fraternytie, xx s. Which was bestowed upon the church and reparacion of the tenement. This is taken out of the said Certificate of Chantries &c in London and Midd. remaining in the Treasury of the Late Court of Augmentations, viz. m. 6. b.

The Fraternitie of Salve Regina founded in the saied Church [viz. of St Magnus] by Andrewe Hunte and Five other persons. The yerelie valew of whose severall gyfts amount yerelie to the Some of xlix l iii s. Ex eod. Certificatorio.

CH A P. day in *Rome* some Foundations like these. There, they call them *Confraternities*, S E C T. IX.

I. and *Archconfraternities* (s). The Word *Guild* is of *Alemannick* Extraction; and was not used in *Italy*; except perchance in the Ancient Kingdom of *Lombardy*. But I do not at present find, that it was in use There. In *France* a Foundation of this sort was called a *Confrairie*, *Confraternitas*. In the Church of *S Barthelemy* at *Paris* there were Three *Confrairies*, One of *St Catharine*, One of *S Sebastien* and *S Roch*, the third of the *H Sacrament* (t). In the City of *Orleans* there was the *Confrairie* of the *H Name of Jesus* (u); and others in other places in That Kingdom. In *England* these Religious Guilds have been judged to be founded in Superstition. For which reason, at the time of the Reformation of the Church of *England*, in the reigns of K K *Henry VIII* and *Edward VI*, they were abolished. At That time, by vertue of a Statute made for that purpose, an Inquisition or Survey was taken of all the Religious Guilds and such-like Foundations, by proper persons in each County of *England*. The Names of their Founders, the State, and yearly Value of them were certified, and the Rents or profits of them were seised, and perpetually vested in the Crown.

Anciently, a *Gild* either Religious or Secular could not legally be set-up without the Kings Licence. If any Persons erected a *Gild* without Warrant, that is, without the Kings Leave, it was a Trespass, and they were lyable to be punished for it. For example. In the Twentysixth year of K *Henry II*, several *Gilds* in *London* were amerced to the Crown as *Adulterine*, that is, as set-up without Warrant from the King. These were, the *Gild* whereof *Goscelin* is Alderman, the *Gild* of *Goldsmiths* of which *Ralf Flael* is Alderman, the *Gild* of *Haliwell*, the *Gild* of *Bochers*, Four several *Gilds* stiled *Gilda de Ponte*, having each its own Alderman, and other *Gilds* (w). The Amercements set upon those *Gilds* stood in Charge in the *Great-Roll* of the Exchequer many years together. But at What time or in What manner those Amercements were taken-off, and the said *Gilds* afterwards Allowed or Disallowed, it hath not yet appeared to me. In the same Sixand-twentieth year of K *Henry II*, notice was also taken of several Unwarranted *Gilds* in other Counties of *England*; and aswell Towns as particular Men were amerced to the King for upholding them; For example; The Burrough of *Warham* (x), the Burgeses of *Yvelchester* (y) the *Gilds* of *Gantiers* or Glovers, Curriers, and Sadlers (z), *Ralf Dives* of *Lidford*, *Colbern*, and *Herbert de Waterfeld* (a). In ancient times there were many other Secular *Gilds* in *England*, which were Warranted or Lawful. There were, The Weavers and the Corvesers of *Oxford*, the Weavers of *Nottingham*, the Weavers of *York*, the Weavers of *Huntendon*, the Weavers and the Fullers of *Winchester* (b), and others. In *London* there were also several Ancient Lawful *Gilds*, to wit, of *Weavers*, *Bakers* &c (c). The *Gild* of *Sadlers* of *London* was also an Ancient *Gild*. For in the reign, as I guess, either of K K K *Henry II*, *Richard I*, or *John*, a Convention was made between the Canons of *St Martin London* and the *Gild* of *Sadlers* of *London*. By which Convention the *Sadlers* are admitted into Brotherhood, and Partnership of Masses Orisons and other Good-Deeds, with the Canons. This Convention is directed to the Alderman

(s) *Bullarium Roman. Tom. 2. p 267. & in eodem Bullario alibi passim.*

(t) *Antiquitez de la Ville de Paris, L 1. p 69. par Malingre, edit. A D 1640.*

(u) *Histoire Dorleans par le Maire, p 282, edit. A D 1648.*

(w) *Hist. Excheq. p 390. col. 2. z.*

(x) *Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis de Burgo de Warham, pro Gilda fine waranto. Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a. Dorseta & Sumerseta.*

(y) *Burgenfes de Yvelcestre [debent] xx s, pro Gilda fine waranto. Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a. Dorseta & Sumerseta.*

(z) *Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis, de Gilda Wantariorum & Corariorum.*

Robertus Parvus & Robertus Hugge r c de ii marcis, pro consuetudinibus quas injuste requirunt.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xx s, de Gilda Sel-lariorum pro eodem. Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. b. Everwichscira.

(a) *Radulfus Dives de Lidford r c de xxxiiii s, pro Gilda fine waranto.*

Colbernus, Robertus filius ejus pro eo, r c de xxxix s & xd pro eodem.

Aggulf r c de xix s & vid pro eodem.

Herbertus de Waterfeld r c de xvii s & xd pro eodem. Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. a. Devenescira.

(b) *Hist. Exch. p 232, 233.*

(c) *Firma Burgi, cap. 10. sect. 20.*

CH A P. derman Chaplain Eschevins and Elders of the said *Gild* (d). There was also in S E C T. IX. I. Former times a Secular Gild called *Gilda mercatoria*, a *Merchant-gild*, or *Gilda mercatorum*, a Gild of Merchants, Tradesmen, and Artisans. But concerning This I do not at present enlarge.

Peradventure, from these Secular Gilds, or in imitation of them, sprang the method or practice of gildating and embodying whole Towns. The Ancient Kings of *England*, in their Charters or Patent-Letters, did many times grant to the Men of a Town or Burgh, amongst other Franchises, *quod habeant gildam mercatoriam*, that they should have a *Merchant-gild*. K *Henry II* confirmeth to his Men or Burgeses of *Southampton* their Gild, and their Liberties and Customes by Sea and Land (e). The same King *Henry II* granteth to his Burgeses of *Wallingford* a *gilda mercatoria* (f). K *John* granted a *gilda mercatoria* to the Men of *Andever*, *Helleston* (g), *Dunwich* (h); K *Henry III* to the Men of *Liverpole* (i); and other Kings to other Towns. And sometimes the Body or *Communa* of a Town or Burrough was denoted by the word *Guild*; as in the City of *York* (k), and the Towns of *Andever*, *Wilton* and *Saresbery* (l).

A great while after the reigns of the ancient Kings just-now mentioned, to wit, in or near about the reign of K *Henry VI*, the Kings began to use other terms in their Charters or Patent-Letters of Grant of Franchises. They granted to the Men of a Town or Burgh, that they should be a *Communitas perpetua & corporata*, a *Corporate and Perpetual Community*. Thus K *Henry VI* by his Charter, granted

(d) Conventus Ecclesiæ Sancti MARTINI Londoniæ, N Aldremano & N Capellano & N quatuor Schivinis, & omnibus Senioribus Gildæ Sellariorum, amicis & confratribus suis salutes & orationes in Christo. Notum sit vobis tam præsentibus quam futuris, hoc esse antiquitus statutum inter nostram ecclesiam & vestram congregationem, scilicet vos esse fratres & participes omnium beneficiorum quæ fiunt in Ecclesia S Martini, nocte & die, in Missis & psalmis & orationibus & vigiliis. Et præter hæc sciatis esse vobis concessas nominatim unaquaque ebdomada duas Missas, videlicet unam pro vivis & alteram pro defunctis fratribus vestræ Congregationis. Et sciatis concessam esse vobis sonationem campanarum nostræ ecclesiæ, & processionem, & cimiterium, libere & honorifice. Et sciatis Canonicos pro tempore esse paratos auxiliis & consiliis vestræ domus, tanquam fratres & vestros coadjutores. Vos autem sicut ante statutum fuit & modo in Capitulo vestro [or nostro; I choose vestro] recordatum est, ad festum S Martini, de vestra præsentia & de vestra elemosina cum cereo inde facto Ecclesiam Beati Martini visitabitis. De Saulefoth vero & de divisis & aliis beneficiis vestris Ecclesiam Sancti Martini, in multis indigentem sicut apparet & vos videtis, rememorare, si vobis placuerit, vos precamur. Antiquitus autem consuetudo fuit, & modo recordatum est in Capitulo vestro tempore D[om]ni Ærnaldi vestri Aldremanni, quod de unaquaque fratris defuncti receptione, & campanarum pulsatione, ecclesia Sancti Martini octo denarios habebit. Val[ete]. Ex autogr. in archivo S Petri Westmon. nu. 128. Habet Literas CIROGRAPHVM in summo recta linea perfectas. Lineæ autographi ab ipsa ora sinistra ad oram dextram extenduntur. Segmento ab imo Brevis sive Chartæ defecto appendet frustum Sigilli e cera flava nunc albicante. Segmentum illud in parte ejus aversa inscribitur, charactere quem ad tempora RRR Henrici II

Ricardi I aut Johannis retulerim, his verbis, Breve de Gvildis. Alia pars Brevis indorsatur scriptura quam assignaverim ad tempora circiter R Edwardi I, his vocibus, Litera de Ghilda sellariorum Londoniæ admiff[a] in confraternitatem.

(e) Rex (this was K Edward III) eisdem [viz. Archiepiscopis &c] salutem. Inspecimus Cartam quam celebris memoriæ Dominus H, quondam Rex Angliæ progenitor noster, fecit Burgenfibus de Suthampton[ia] in hæc verba. H Rex Angliæ, & Dux Normanniæ & Aquitaniæ, & Comes Andegaviæ, Præpositis & Ministris suis de Hanton[a] salutem. Præcipio quod Homines mei de Hanton[a] habeant & teneant gildam suam, & omnes libertates & consuetudines suas, in terra & in mari, ita bene & in pace, & juste & libere, & quiete & honorifice, sicut habuerunt melius & liberius & quietius tempore Regis H avi mei; & nullus eis super hoc ullam injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Teste Ricardo de Hum[et] Constabulario, [&] Jo[c]elino de Baillolio, apud Wynton[iam]. Then be inspeteth a Charter of King Richard I, and a Charter of King John &c. The Charter of King Edward III is, Hiis Testibus—. Dat[a] per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium], xxviii^o die Martii. Chart. 1 Edw. 3. m. 33.

(f) Brady of Burghs, in append. p 12.

(g) Ib. in append. p 15.

(h) — concessimus eis hanfam & gildam mercatoriam. Hist. Excheq. p 276. col. 2. g.

(i) Hist. Exch. p 288. col. 1. e.

(k) — ut sit Aldermannus in gilda mercatorum de Everwic. Ib. p 273. col. 2. m.

(l) Homines de Andeura r c de x marcis, Pro habenda eadem Libertate in Gilda sua, quam Homines de Wiltona & de Saresberia habent in Gilda sua. Hist. Excheq. p 274. col. 1. r.

CHAP. granted to the Burgesſes of *Southampton* and their Succellours, that their Town ſhould be a *Perpetual Corporate Community* (m). King *Edward IV*, granted by his Charter, to his Burgesſes of *Colcheſter*, that their Town ſhould be a *corpus perpetuum*, and a *communitas corporata* (n). The ſame King, by a Patent Letter, granted

(m) Rex Archiepiſcopis Epiſcopis &c. Sciatis quod nos —, *having regard to the great charges which the Inhabitantes Villæ noſtræ Suthamptoniæ were-at in defending the Sea coaſts* —, de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, & ex mero motu & certa ſcientia noſtris, conceſſimus, & hac præſenti carta noſtra confirmavimus, pro nobis hæredibus & Succelloribus noſtris, Burgenſibus Villæ prædictæ & Succelloribus ſuis imperpetuum, libertates franchiseſas quietancias & immunitates ſubſcriptas, videlicet, quod Villa illa de uno Majore duobus Ballivis & Burgenſibus ſit imperpetuum corporata, & quod iidem Major Ballivi & Burgenſes, & Succellores ſui Majores Ballivi & Burgenſes villæ illius ſic corporatæ, ſint una Communitas perpetua corporata in re & nomine, per nomen Majoris Ballivorum & Burgenſium Villæ illius, habeantque ſucceſſionem perpetuam, Et quod iidem Major Ballivi & Burgenſes, & Succellores ſui prædicti, per idem nomen ſint perſonæ habiles in lege, ad omnimoda placida ſectas querelas & demandas, necnon actiones reales perſonales & mixtas, mota ſeu movenda in quibuſcumque Curiis noſtris vel hæredum noſtrorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque —, proſequend[a] & defendend[a], & quod in eiſdem placitare poſſint & implacitari, & respondere & responderi. Conceſſimus etiam — *divers other franchiseſes* —. Hiis teſtibus —. Datum per manum noſtram apud Weſtmonaſterium xii^o die Septembris. *Chart. 30 Hen. 6. m. 22.*

(n) Rex [viz. King *Edward IV*] Archiepiſcopis Epiſcopis &c ſalutem. Inſpeximus Litteras patentes Domini R nuper Regis Angliæ ſecundi.

King Richard II here inſpects a Charter of King Edward III.

King Henry III Inſpects a Charter of King Richard the firſt. King Richard the firſts Charter runs thus, Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dux Normanniæ Aquitaniæ, Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiſcopis Epiſcopis —, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus ſuis totius terræ ſuæ citra mare & ultra, ſalutem. Sciatis nos conceſſiſſe & præſenti carta noſtra confirmaviſſe Burgenſibus noſtris Colceſtr[iæ], quod ipſi ponant de ſeiſſis Ballivos quoſcumque voluerint, & Juſtic[iarios] ad ſervandum placita Coronæ noſtræ, & ad placitandum eadem placita infra Burgum ſuum; Et quod nullus alius ſit inde Juſtic[iarius] niſi quem elegerint; Et quod non placitent de aliquo placito extra muros ejuſdem Burgi; Et ſint quieti de Scoth & de Loth, & de Danegeld[iſ] & de Murr[iſ]; Et ubicunque ſummoniti fuerint coram Juſticiariis noſtris errantibus, licet acquietare eos per quatuor legales homines de ipſo Burgo; Et quod nullus eorum duellum faciat; Et ſi aliquis eorum implacitatus fuerit de pla-

cito Coronæ noſtræ, per ſacramentum quod ei judicatum fuerit in Burgo ſe diſrationet; Et infra muros Burgi nullus hoſpitetur de familia noſtra, neque de altera, vi aut liberatione Mareſcalli; Et ſint quieti per totam Angliam, & per Portus maris de theolonio —. Et præcipimus quod illi qui eis debita debent, bene & plenarie ea ipſis reddant, vel apud Colceſtr[iam] diſrationent quod reddere non debeant; Et ſi debita reddere noluerint, & ad diſrationand[um] Colceſtr[iam] non venerint, Burgenſes noſtri quibus debita illa debentur, capiant namium de Comitatu illo in quo manent illi qui debita illa debent, quouſque illis debita illa perſolvant, vel Colceſtr[iæ] diſrationent quod non debeant; Nullus Foreſtarius poteſtatem habeat aliquem hominem infra Banleucam vexare; & omnes præſati Burgenſes noſtri venari poſſint infra banleucam Colceſtr[iæ] vulpem & leporem & catum; & piſcagium ſuum habeant a Northponte uſque ad Weſtneſſe —, ad perficiendum firmam noſtram. Et prohibemus ne forum Colceſtr[iæ] aliquo foro adultero impediatur, ſet ſint fora & conſuetudines in tali ſtatu, quali fuerunt confirmatæ juramento Burgenſium noſtrorum Colceſtriæ coram Juſticiariis errantibus Domini Regis Patris noſtri. Teſtibus H Dunelmeſi —. Data per manum Willelmi de Longo Campo Cancellarii noſtri Elienſis Electi apud Dovor[iam], ſexto die Decembris anno primo regni noſtri.

King Henry III confirms this Charter of King Richard I, dicta clauſula in Carta præſati Ricardi Regis contenta videlicet, Et ſi debita reddere noluerint, & ad diſrationand[um] Colceſtr[iam] non venerint, Burgenſes noſtri quibus debita illa debentur, capiant namium de Comitatu illo in quo manent illi qui debita illa debent, quouſque illis debita illa perſolvant, vel Colceſtr[iæ] diſrationent quod non debeant, omnino excepta. However the King (viz. Henry III) grants that they may uſe and enjoy that Clauſe. Other following Kings that confirm the Charters made to the Burgesſes of Colcheſter do alſo except this Clauſe out of their Confirmation.

King Edward IV by this his Charter confirms their Liberties. — Et ulterius de gratia noſtra prædicta & ex certa ſcientia & mero motu noſtris prædictis, conceſſimus & tenore præſentium pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris prædictis concedimus, præſatis Ballivis & Burgenſibus, quod ipſi & Succellores ſui Burgenſes Burgi prædicti, de duobus Ballivis & una Communitate exnunc imperpetuum ſint unum corpus perpetuum, & una Communitas perpetua, in re & nomine, habeantque ſucceſſionem perpetuam; & quod iidem Ballivi & Communitas, & Succellores ſui, Ballivi & Communitas Burgi Colceſtriæ pro perpetuo nuncu-

CH A P. granted to the Burgesſes and Inhabitants of *New Windſor*, that they ſhould be a S E C T. I. *Body* and a *Perpetual Corporate Community* (o). He granted alſo by his Charter IX. to the Men and Reſidents of *Wenlok*, that they ſhould be a *Liber Burgus imperpetuum corporatus* (p).

In the next-following or modern times, they uſed to Grant to the Men of a Town or Burgh, That they ſhould be a *corpus incorporatum & politicum*, a *corporate* and *politick Body*. This is a thing well known, and needeth no proof. Thus the terms *Corporating* and *Corporation* came-in. Of the *Liber Burgus* and *Liberi Burgenſes* I purpoſe to ſpeak in a future Work.

In the Pleadings in the caſe of *Cokenage* and *Large*, in the reign of K *Henry IV*, it appeareth, that being *gildated* and being *corporated* are uſed as words of the ſame import (q). So alſo the terms *Gilds* or *Companies corporate* and *Bodies corporate* are uſed as ſimilary terms, in a Statute made in the reign of K *Henry VII* (r), in

nuncupentur, & per idem nomen ſint perſonæ habiles in lege & capaces ad perquirend[um] terras tenementa redditus, & alias poſſeſſiones quaſcumque, habend[as] & tenend[as] ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum; & quod iidem Ballivi & Communitas & Succeſſores ſui per idem nomen placitare poſſint & implacitari, reſpondere & reſponderi, ac proſequi & defendi in omnibus placitis—. He grants to them ſeveral other Liberties. Hiis teſtibus—. Data per manum noſtram apud Weſtm. primo die Marci. Chart. 1 Edw. 4. pars 1. m. 1.

(o) Rex omnibus ad quos &c ſalutem. Sciatis — quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia & mero motu noſtris—, concedimus Edmundo Pury nunc Majori, necnon Thomæ Sherman & Willelmo Stephen Ballivis dictæ Villæ de Nova Wyndefore, & Burgenſibus & Inhabitantibus ejusdem Villæ, quod ipſi Burgenſes & Inhabitantes decætero imperpetuum ſint unum corpus in re & nomine, & una Communitas perpetua, corporat[a] de uno Majore & duobus Ballivis ac Burgenſibus ejusdem Villæ, ipſique Major Ballivi & Burgenſes ſucceſſionem habeant perpetuam, & ſint perſonæ habiles & capaces in lege ad perquirend[um] habend[um] & poſſidend[um] terras & tenementa, ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis, in feodo & perpetuitate, & quod ipſi Major Ballivi & Burgenſes & Succeſſores ſui, per nomina Majorum Ballivorum & Burgenſium Villæ de Nova Wyndefore, placitare & implacitari, necnon reſpondere & reſponderi valeant, in quibuſcumque Curiis noſtris hæredum & Succeſſorum noſtrorum, ac aliorum quorumcumque. Et inſuper — perdonavimus remiſimus & relaxavimus—. In cujus &c. Teſte Rege apud Wyndefore xxii die Septembris. Pat. 6 Edw. 4. pars 2. m. 1.

(p) Rex Archiepiſcopis Episcopis &c, ſalutem. Sciatis quod nos, ad inſtanciam prædictæ & fidelis Conſiliarii noſtri Johannis Wenlok Militis Domini de Wenlok, ac conſiderantes laudabilia & gratuita ſervitia quæ dicti & fideles ligei noſtri Homines & reſidentes in Villa de Wenlok in Comitatu Salopiæ, nobis in adeptione juris noſtri Coronæ Angliæ, a nobis & antecceſſoribus noſtris adiuſtract[æ], impenderunt, gratiam & favorem noſtros eiſdem Hominibus & reſidentibus

impertiri, de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, & ex regia munificentia noſtra, conceſſimus, & per præſentes concedimus, Hominibus & Reſidentibus prædictis, quod Villa illa ſit Liber Burgus imperpetuum, corporatus in re & nomine de uno Ballivo Burgenſibus & Communitate ejusdem Burgi; Et quod ipſi Burgenſes vocentur & nuncupentur Burgenſes Burgi de Wenlok; Et quod ipſi Burgenſes ad voluntatem ſuam poſt datam præſentium, pro ſana gubernatione & regimine ejusdem Villæ, eligere poſſint & eligant de ſeipſis unum Ballivum, qui præſtito coram eis ſacramento ad officium Ballivi Burgi prædicti bene & fideliter exercend[um] & occupand[um], officium Ballivi ibidem extunc, uſque ad feſtum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo ſequens habeat, & faciat, exerceat & exequatur; Et quod iidem Burgenſes, hæredes & Succeſſores ſui, extunc imperpetuum quolibet anno, ad idem feſtum Sancti Michaelis, eligere poſſint & eligant de ſeipſis, unum de probioribus & magis idoneis perſonis Burgi illius, in Ballivum Burgi prædicti, qui præſtito coram eis ſacramento, ut prædictum eſt, officium Ballivi ibidem per unum annum tunc proximo ſequentem faciat exerceat & exequatur. Conceſſimus eciam eiſdem Hominibus & reſidentibus, hæredibus & Succeſſoribus ſuis, quod Ballivus Burgenſes & Communitas Villæ prædictæ ſint unum corpus incorporatum, ac perſonæ habiles & capaces in lege ad perquirend[um], ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis, in feodo & perpetuitate, terras & tenementa, redditus & ſervicia, & alias poſſeſſiones quaſcumque; habeantque ſucceſſionem perpetuam, ac Commune Sigillum —with many other Liberties. Hiis teſtibus—. Dat[a] per manum noſtram apud Weſtm[onaſterium] xxix^o die Novembris. Chart. 8 Edw. 4. m. 11.

(q) *Firma Burgi cap. 10. ſect. 21.*

(r) for that, that Mayſter wardens and people of guyldeſ fraternytees and of other companies corporate, dwellynge in dyvers partyes of the realme, often tymes by colour of rule and governaunce to theym graunted and conſermed by charters and letters patentes of dyvers kynges, made amonge themſelve many unlawfull and unreaſonable ordynaunces —.

And over that, it is enacted, that none of

CH A P. in a Statute made in the reign of K *Henry VIII* (*s*), and in another made in the S E C T. IX. reign of K *Edward VI* (*t*).

Perchance, from this practice of gildating whole Towns Cities or Burghs, it came to pass that the Name and Office of *Alderman* was brought into Towns Cities and Burghs. *Alderman* was an old name for a Chief officer or governor in a Secular *Gild*. In time it became also a name for a Chief officer in a gildated City or Town. This matter may be illustrated by an example. The Prior of the *H Trinity* of *London* for the time being was from ancient time wont to be an Alderman of the City of *London*; to wit, of the Ward of *Portfoken*. He rendred an Accompt to the Crown, of the Tallage imposed upon the Men of That Ward in the Sixth year of K *Edward II*, as the other Aldermen of *London* did for their respective Wards (*u*). And there is a tradition, that he used to Sit with the other Aldermen of *London* in their Assemblies, and to Ride with them in their solemn processions; being distinguished from them by his Robe; They wearing Scarlet, and He (as I take it) Purple, as a Prelate (*w*). It may seem strange, that a Priour, a Man of Religion, should be an Alderman of a Trading City. But I conceive the difficulty may be solved; thus. The *Cnihtengild* of *London* was anciently a member or pertinency of the City. That *Cnihtengild* was conveyed or transferred to the Priour and his Canons, as hath been shewed above (*x*). So the Priour stood in the place of Alderman of the *Cnihtengild*. And by That means he became an Alderman of the Merchant-gild of the City. But as to these points (contained in this paragraph), I speak them onely by Conjecture.

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the same bodyes corporate take upon them to make any actes or ordynaunces—. *Pynsons Statutes*, 19 *Hen. 7. cap. 7.*

(*s*) be it enacted, that the sayde two severall and dystyncte companyes—, bothe the barbours and the surgeons, and theyre successours, from hence forth immediately be unyted, and made one entier and hole body corporate, and one cominaltie perpetuall—, called by the name of maisters or governours of the Mysterie and Comminaltie of Barbours and Surgeons—; and also shall have a common Seale, to serve for the busynes of the sayde Companye and Corporacion for ever—. —excepte he be a free man of the same corporacion and companie. *Statute 32 Hen. 8. cap. 42. sect. 1. & 3.*

(*t*) And if it fortune any such conspiracy covenant or promise to be had and made by any Societie, Brotherhood, or Company of any Craft Mysterie or Occupation of the Vittellers abovementioned—, their Corporacion shall be dissolved to all intents &c. *Statute 2 & 3 Edw. 6. cap. 15. sect. 2. printed by Norton and Bill 1618.*

(*u*) *Walterus de Finchingfeld nuper Aldermannus defunctus [debet] Cxiiii l vs iii d de tallagio catallorum & reddituum diversorum assesso anno xxxiiº in Warda de Cripelgate, sicut continetur in compoto suo de eodem tallagio in Rotulo xxxvº Rotulo compotorum.*

Hugo Pourt[pole] nuper Aldermannus defunctus [debet] So much, de tallagio — as above —, in Warda de Billingesgate —.

Ricardus de Glouc[estre] Aldermannus [debet] — —, in Warda de Cornhull —.

Richerus de Refham Aldermannus — —, in Warda de Bassingesshawe —.

Johannes de Dunstaple quondam Aldermannus —, in Warda de Walebrok —.

Johannes de Wengrave Aldermannus —, in Warda de Candelweyestre —.

Prior Sanctæ Trinitatis Londoniæ Alder-

mannus, [debet] vii viiis viii d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum diversorum assesso anno xxxiiº in Warda de Portefokne, sicut continetur in compoto suo de tallagio prædicto in rotulo xxxvº, Rotulo Compotorum.

Saloman le Cotiller Aldermannus —, in Warda de Bradestrete —.

Simon de Parys Aldermannus —, in Warda de Bysshopesgate —.

Henricus de Glouc[estre] Aldermannus —, in Warda de Lymstrate —.

Thomas Sely Aldermannus —, in Warda de Alegate —.

Nicolaus Pycot Aldermannus —, in Warda de Colemanstrete —.

Willelmus de Betoyn quondam Aldermannus —, in Warda Ripæ Reginæ.

Willelmus le Mazerer nuper Aldermannus —, in Warda de Alrifgate —.

Thomas Romeyn Aldermannus —, in Warda de Cordewanestrete —.

Willelmus le Loyre Aldermannus —, in Warda Castri Bernardi —.

Radulphus de Honilane Aldermannus —, in Warda de Bredestrete.

Johannes le Blound quondam Aldermannus —, in Warda Fori —.

Adam de Rokefle quondam Aldermannus —, in Warda de Douuegate —.

Nicholaus de Farndon Aldermannus —, in Warda de Farndon —.

All these Aldermen (in number Twenty) answer for the respective sums in their respective Wards, in like manner, mutatis mutandis, as doth Walter de Finchingfeld. They were the Kings Collectours of his Tallage within their several Wards. At this time there were also other Aldermanries in London which are not here named. Mag. Rot. 6 Edw. 2. Adhuc Item Londonia Middelsexia, m. 1. a & b.

(*w*) *Stows Survey of London, p 116. col. 2. and p 145. col. 2.*

(*x*) *Cap. 1. sect. 8.*

CHAP. The several Gilds of Goldsmiths, Salters, and the rest, are styled Corporations SECT.

I. or Companies, in the reigns of K Henry VIII and K Edward VI (y). In Scotland IX. there were formerly many Gilds. Those which occur to me were Secular and Mercantile. The Statutes or Rules of the *Scotish* Gilds, as they are set-down in the Piece titled *Statuta Gildæ*, relate to Trade and the Burgenfick Life. The Men of a Gild were commonly called *Fratres* and *Confratres*. The Gild and the Town or Burghe where the Gild was, were commonly as it seemeth in some fort united or confociated (z). It doth not appear to me, that there were many Brotherhoods of Merchants or Tradesmen in *France*, known by the Name of *Gilds*. However the name *Guild* or *Gueude* occurreth There. In the Town of *Montreuil* in *Picardie*, there was an ancient *Gueude* consisting of many Merchants. The Confreres of it claimed divers exemptions or immunities (a). The Town of *Montreuil* and this *Guild* were as it seemeth confociated (b). In *France*, some Gentlemen have called even Abbies and Priouries *étapejas*, *betarias*, and the Abbot or Head of the House *betariarcham* (c). But I apprehend *betaria* is a name which better fitteth those

(y) *Redditus Corporationum infra Civitatem London[iam]. Compotus Majoris & Communar[iorum] Civitatis London[ie] prædictæ. Societas five Corporatio Aurifabrorum Londoniæ. They render an Account of divers Sums for Stipends of Chantrey-priests &c. The like Account is severally yielded by the other Companies hereunder named. Corporatio Societatis de les Salters. Corporatio Societatis Pellipariorum vocatorum Skynners. Corporatio Societatis de les Vynteners. Corporatio Societatis Mercetorum. Corporatio Societatis de les Fysshmongers. Corporatio Societatis Mercatorum Scifforum. Corporatio Societatis pannariorum Londoniæ voc[atorum] The Drapers. Corporatio Societatis de les Iremongers. Corporatio Societatis de les Saddelers. Corporatio de les Haberdasshers. Corporatio Societatis Pistorum vocatorum the Bakers. Corporatio Societatis Grocerorum. Corporatio Societatis de les Waxe Chaundelers. Corporatio Societatis de les Alebruers. Corporatio Societatis de les Tallowchaunlers. Corporatio Societatis de les Clothworkers. Corporatio Societatis de les Armorers. Corporatio Societatis de les Cutlers. Corporatio Societatis Clericorum. Corporatio Societatis de les Curryours. Corporatio Societatis Tonforum vocatorum Barbours. Corporatio Societatis de les Gyrdeulers. Corporatio Societatis de les Letherfellers. Corporatio Societatis de les Corde-wayners. Corporatio Societatis de les Pewterers. Corporatio Societatis Fabrorum lignariorum. Corporatio Societatis Coquorum. Corporatio Societatis Pictorum. Corporatio Societatis de les Gray Tawyers. Corporatio Societatis de les Cowpers. Corporatio Societatis Tinctorum. Corporatio Societatis Structorum vocatorum the Joyners. Corporatio Societatis de les Founders. Corporatio Societatis de les Fletchers. Here they end in this Roll; Save that in some following membranes there are several Supers or Arreres charged on the Corporatio Societatis Aurifabrorum, and upon several other of the aforesaid Companies. Compotus Ministrorum Regis, 5 Edw. 6. in Londonia, prope finem bundelæ, in archivo Curie Augmentationum.*

The Cytte of London and County of Middelfex. The Corporacions and Compa-

nies within the Citie of London. The Companies of the, Salters. Thomas Beamounde gave unto the Master and Brothren of the same Companye, to finde a preft to sing within the Church of Alhallowes Bredstret, as muche lands as amount unto xviii l xvii s iiiii d. Wherof to Sir John Cornyshe preft for his Stipende by yere, viii l xis viii d; To the Kinge for quiterent, xiiii s viii d; Spent uppon an obite ther, Lxs ix d; Spent uppon Leights ther, xx s. [Together] xii l vii s i d. And then remayneth Clere Cxs iii d. Then follow other Chantries &c. given to the Salters. The like Gifts and Foundations mutatis mutandis are severally placed under the Head of the Companies following, viz. Skynners, Vinteners, Mercers, Wexchaundelers, Inneholders, Joyners, Greetawyers, Curriers, Cowpers, Pewterers, Cordewyners, Founders, Cuttlers, Carpenters, Cooks, Barbors, Fletchers, Fysshmongers, Iremongers, Merchaunt Taylors, Grocers, Sadlers, Tallowchaundelers, Armorers, Clotheworkers, Alebrewers, Clerkes, Letherfellers, Haberdasshers, Dyers, Goldefmythes, Whitebakers, Drapers. Summ of the Corporations aforesaied [that is, of the Gifts &c to them respectively], ML l iiiii s viii d. This is taken out of the Survey or Certificate of Chantries Chapells Obits &c dated 1^o die Febr. anno 1 Edw. 6., in the Office of the late Court of Augmentations. It is to be understood, that the design and use of this Certificate was not to enumerate all the Companies which were Then in London, but such onely as had Gifts vested in them for Chantries Obits and such-like.

(z) *Statuta Gildæ, in systemate cui titulus, Regiam Majestatem, viz. fol. 154, 155 &c; editore Skenæo viro Clarissimo.*

(a) *Journal du Palais, Tom. 2. p 331.*

(b) In nomine Sanctæ & individuae Trinitatis amen. Hic sunt consuetudines ipsius Oppidi—, here the Rights of the Guild are set-forth, Omnes de Gilda mercatoria & Anglica quidquid in hanc villam advexerint, & in hac Villa vendiderint, nihil debent, excepto—. *Ibid. Tom. 2. p 332, col. 2.*

(c) *Lucius, Placita Summæ Curie apud Gallos: Chopinus de Domanio.*

CHAP. those Societies which in *England* were usually called *Guilds*, *Companies*, *Fellowships*. In *England*, several of the Secular Gilds did also partake of a Religious nature or institution; as it seemeth by the names of some of their officers or members, such as *Chaplain*, *Dean* &c. S E C T. IX. X.

In *Italy* a *Mestiere* or *Company* of Artisans and Tradesmen was sometimes styled an *Ars* or *Universitas*. In *Rome* in the Fifteenth Century there was the *Ars mercantiae Pannorum* (d); and other *Artes*. The Company of *Mercers* of *Rome* are styled *Universitas Merciariorum* (e), and the Company of *Bakers* There *Universitas Pistorum* (f). In *France*, a Company of Merchants or Tradesmen was usually called an *Art*, *Mestier* or *Communauté* (g).

X. Next, of *Mesteres*. In *England* men have been told, that in regard there is some mystery in every Trade, therefore a Trade is called a *Mystery*. But it must be remembred, that there is no affinity either in the nature of the thing, or in proper Language, between *μυστήριον* a *Mystery*, and *Trade*. Nor is the word *Misterie*, as applied to signify a Trade or Employment, of Greek or Roman extraction (b), but of *French*, or (if you please) *Romanick*. *Μυστήριον*, and the Latin, *Mysterium*, were words always used with some relation to things that were esteemed Sacred Religious or Ceremonious, never concerning Crafts Trades or ordinary Business. For which I refer to Lexicographers. However I will here give some Instances from Records and otherwise, shewing that the words *Mestiere*, *mistera* and *misteria* are words of *Romanick* original.

The *French*, and others who spoke their language, have been wont to use the word *Mestiere* for a Craft Art or Employment, as well in the ancient (i), as in the modern times (k). In *England* we have imitated the *French* for several ages past

(d) Martinus Episcopus Servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Consulibus artis mercantiae pannorum Urbis, salutem—. *Bullarium Romanum*. T. 1. p. 244. in *Constitutione Martini V Papæ*; sub AD 1421.

(e) Jurisdictio Consulum Artis Merciariorum Almæ Urbis.— Nos attendentes dilectos filios Collegium & Universitatem Merciariorum & illis adhærentium hujus Almæ Urbis—. *Bullarium Romanum*. Tom. 2. p. 100. in *Constitutione Pii IV. Papæ*. AD 1565.

(f) Sane pro parte dilectorum filiorum Universitatis Pistorum Urbis nostræ—. *Bullarium Romanum*. Tom. 2. Vol. 1. p. 407. in bulla *Sixti V. Papæ*.

(g) tous les autres arts & metiers. la Communauté des Peintres & Sculpteurs. *Journal du Palais*, Tom. 1. p. 898. col. 2. la Communauté de Bouchers. *Journal du Palais*, Tom. 2. p. 642.

(b) Manifestly, not of Greek original. Nor of Roman, any otherwise than remotely; as it may (for ought that I know) be derived from the *Romanick* word *Ministerium*; as some Glossarists have thought; namely Monsieur du Fresne Seigneur du Cange of renowned memory, and Monsieur Menage. Thus the Trade or Mestier of the Weavers of Oxford is called their *Ministerium*; *Hist. Excheq.* p. 232, col. 2. z; the Mestier of the London-weavers is styled their *ministerium* (de eorum ministerio); *Firma Burgi* chap. 10. sect. 21. a, and chap. 11. sect. 5. numb. 11. So also the word *Ministeriales* was used to signify Tradesmen and Artificers; *Hist. Exch.* p. 698, col. 1. m.

(i) — serveient de cel mester. *Hist. Exch.* p. 41. col. 2.

— de la maniere usaige & coustume des

quelx les trois maistres bouchiers dudit Langres ont accoustume user & joyr en leur mestier.— en tous cas licites touchans le fait dudit mestier. *Hist. de la Maison Dauvergne par Baluze*, Tom. 2. p. 593. ad AD 1381.

(k) Mais le menu peuple de tous mestiers, la jeunesse, &c. *Duchefne Hist. Dangleterre*, p. 486. D.

Après que les enfans mis es mestiers auront appris l'art & industrie requis a iceluy, & parachevé leur apprentissage, ils feront presentez au Prevost d'Orleans — come capable pour estre fait Maistre jurez au Mestier & Art ou ils ont esté instruits—. *Hist. Dorleans par le Maire*, p. 311.

— a cause du grand nombre de gens de mestier & artisans residans en cette ville. *Ib.* p. 310.

In an Agreement made anno Domini 1297, between John d'Avesnes Earl of Haynault on the one part, and His Moneyours on the other part, the Art or Employment of the Moneyours is called their Mestier. Faisons savoir a tous chiaus ki ces presentes lettres verront & orront —, que nos ovrier monoier & apprentich devant nommet, pour nos, no compaignies, nos oirs & successeurs ki seront assis oudit mestier, avons pris de nudit Signeur Conte devant dit —.

sauf chou que cil de no linage y poent estre appielé, & les y poons metre selonc lus & laccoustumance de no mestier.

— & ouwrer awec eaus a lusage de no mestier.

The Earl granteth to his Moneyours all such privileges and franchises as the Kings of France did formerly or should hereafter grant as monoiers & tous autres dou mestier de lor monoie. *Theſaur. Anecdotorum per Domnos Martene & Durand*, Tom. 1. col. 1295 & seq. 6

CH A P. past in the use or application of this word. For example. In the Reign of K Ed- S E C T.

I. ward III, there was the *mestere* or *mistere* of Taylors, Armorers (*l*), and others (*m*); in the Reign of K Richard II, the *mistere* of a Tanner and Shoemaker (*n*); in the Reign of the same K Richard II, the *mistere* of a Coppersmith (*o*); in the Reign of K Henry IV, the *mistere* of a Joyner (*p*); in the Reign of K Henry VI, the *mistere* of Mercers (*q*); in the Reign of the same K Henry VI, the *mistere* of Plummer (*r*); in the Reign of the same King, the *mistere* or occupation of Silk-workers (*s*); in the Reign of K Edward IV, the *mistere* of Pewterers (*t*); in the Reign of K Edward IV there were Artificers of divers *misteres* (*u*); in the Reign of K Henry VII, there was the Art or *mistere* of Upholders (*w*); in the Reign of K Henry VIII, the *mistere* or Craft of Haberdashers (*x*); in the Reign of

(*l*) Pro Cissoribus & Armurariis Londoniæ.

— de eisdem mesteris in Civitate prædicta —. & in eadem gilda mesteras suas regulare, & statum servientum suorum de eisdem mesteris ordinare—. Pat. 1 Edw. 3. pars 1. m. 22.

(*m*) — ut cum ipsi super exercitio misteræ suæ tam in Civitate Londonia quam quibuscumque aliis Civitatibus —. & ut ipsi misteram suam melius & tranquillius exercere possent —. & in eisdem [Regno & Terris] morari, & misteram suam exercere vellent —, quod ipsi salvo & secure sub protectione sua in eisdem regno & terris morari, & misteram suam libere possent exercere—. Ex Lit. Pat. Regis Edw. 3. datis 8 Febr. anno regni sui 26, citatis inter Mich. Communia 8 Edw. 4. Rot. 11.

(*n*) — ordinatum fuisset & statutum, quod nullus allutarius nec futor mistera tannatoris, nec tannator mistera allutarii five futoris aliquo modo uteretur—. Mich. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 29. b.

(*o*) Nicholaus Broker & Godefridus Prest Cives & Coperfmythes de Londonia [debent] Cl de præstito sibi facto xxviii die Aprilis anno xviii Regis R secundi, In denariis sibi liberatis per manus proprias super illis CCCC l quas ipsi percipient in toto pro fabricatione duarum ymaginum ad similitudinem dicti nuper Regis R & Reginæ contrafract[arum] de cupro & laton, deaurat[arum] & coronat[arum], manus suas dexteris conjungenc[ium], & in manibus sinistris earundem ymaginum sceptrum tenenc[ium], una pila & una cruce inter dictas ymagin[es], ac etiam cum una tabula tabernaculis cum toto apparatu cum aliis ymagin[ibus] & aliis rebus perficiend[is] ad misteram suam five artificium pertinent[ibus] ibidem. Mag. Rot. 23 Ric. 2. Londonia Midd. m. 2. b. in ipso imo.

(*p*) Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Inspeximus Literas patentes Domini Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ secundi post conquestum factas in hæc verba. Ricardus D g —, Sciat quod nos, pro eo quod dilectum nobis Johannem Wydemere Joignour ad serviendum nobis infra Turrim nostram Londoniæ & alibi, de omnibus necessariis ad misteram suam pertinentibus retinuimus penes nos moraturum —. Teste me ipso apud Westmon. quartodecimo die Januarii anno r n decimo septimo. Originale 1 Hen. 4. pars 1. Rot. 7.

(*q*) Pro Hominibus misteræ merceriæ Civitatis Ebor[aci].

Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciat quod cum quamplures homines misteræ Merceriæ Civitatis nostræ Ebor[aci]—. Pat. 8 Hen. 6. pars 2. m. 28.

(*r*) Kancia. — ac alia diversa instrumenta ad misteram Plummarii pertinentia ad valenciam Centum solidorum quæ fuerunt Thomæ Norman nuper de Cantuaria Plommar —. Mich. Communia 17 Hen. 6. Rot. 19. a.

(*s*) Item cum præfato Domino Regi in Parlamento prædicto, per gravem querimoniam sericatricum & filatricum misteræ & occupationis operis serici infra civitatem Londoniæ ostensum fuerit, qualiter diversi Lombardi & alii alienigenæ dictam misteram & omnes hujusmodi virtuosas occupationes mulierum in regno prædicto destruere, se ipsos ditare—. Statut. 33 Hen. 6. cap. 5. apud Ricardum Pynson.

(*t*) Anglia. Audito compoto Willelmi Crowde Magistri liberorum hominum misteræ de Peauters infra Civitatem Londoniam & suburbia ejusdem, Ac Willelmi Welby & Thomæ Harrison nuper Gardianorum misteræ prædictæ—. Mich. Status & Visus Compotorum 16 Edw. 4. Rot. 9. b.

(*u*) K Edward IV in the Fourth year of his reign gave orders by a Patent-Letter under his Great Seal touching the manner of Electing the Mayor of York yearly. — summonire faciat omnes & singulos Scrutatores cujuslibet misteræ infra eandem Civitatem & Libertatem ejusdem, quod ipsi præmuniant seu præmuniri faciant omnes artifices misteræ suæ, quod personaliter compareant in Guithalda Civitatis prædictæ—. Rymeri Fœdera Tom. XI. p 529.

(*w*) Compotus de Medietate forisfacturæ Artificii five Misteræ de lez Upholders infra Civitatem Londoniam, ab anno xxii^o ad annum xxiii^m Regis Henrici VII. Rot. Compotorum Forinsecorum tempore Hen. 7. prope finem.

(*x*) — mistera de Haberdashers—. super prædictam misteram de Haberdashers—. Trin. Communia 13 Hen. 8. Rot. 12. Civitas Londonia. This phrase is many times repeated in this Roll. It is rendred in English the Craft of Haberdashers. — Item I will immediately after my deceasse the Wardens and Comynalte of the Crafte of Haberdashers in

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London

CHAP. of K Edward VI, the *Misterie* of Haberdasshers (y); in the Reign of Q ELIZA-S E C T. I. *beth*, the *mistere* or Art of Iremongers (z); and again, in the Reign of the same X.

Queen, the *Misterie* or Art of Iremongers (a). As the *French* so also the *Italians* have been wont to use the word *Mestiere* for a *Craft Art* or *Employment*. In a *Venetian* Statute dated AD 1519, mention is made of the Crafts or Trades in their City by the name of *mestieri* (b). *Botero* speaking of the *Cossacks* saith, it was their *mistiero*, their trade or business, to robb plunder and destroy (c). The same Authour writeth, that at *Malines* in *Flanders* there are Seventeen *Mestieri*, Crafts or Companies of Tradesmen, which have a share in the Publick deliberations (d).

It is true that in *England* the word *Mystery* (if we may rely on printed books) hath been used, during many years past, for a *Craft* or *Occupation*. It was used in That sense in the First year of K Henry VII (e), and in the Nineteenth year (f). And yet in the same nineteenth year of K Henry VII (if we may rely on

London for the tyme beyng schall entre in to all my thre tenements—. *Trin. Communia* 13 Hen. 8. Rot. 12. intus.

(y) Londonia. Compertum est in Rotulo Compotorum omnium & singulorum Ballivorum Præpositorum Collectorum Bedellorum Firmariorum & aliorum Officiariorum & Ministrorum Domini Regis & Domine Regine nunc—, quod onerantur ibidem super Gardianos Societatis de lez Haberdasshers viii l xii s—. Super quo præceptum est Vicecomitibus Civitatis prædictæ per breve dicti Domini Regis & Domine Regine nunc hujus Scaccarii, quod non omitterent &c quin eam &c, & quod distringerent præfatos Gardianos Societatis prædictæ per terras &c, ita &c in octabis S Michaelis hoc Termino, ad respondendum prædictis Domino Regi & Domine Regine nunc de separalibus summis prædictis in forma prædicta oneratis—.

Et nichilominus modo ad prædictas octabas S Michaelis hoc Termino, venerunt hic Magister & quatuor Gardiani Gildæ five Fraternitatis Sanctæ Katerinæ Artis de Marchant Haberdasshers Civitatis Londoniæ per Robertum Creswell eorum attornatum. Et petunt auditum separalium demand[arum] prædictarum. Et eis leguntur. Quibus lectis & per ipsos auditis & intellectis, iidem Magister & Gardiani dicunt, quod est & remanet in Curia hic quædam Certificatio Magistri & Gardianorum prædictæ Misteræ de Haberdasshers, nuper Commissionariis prædicti nuper Regis Edwardi sexti pro executione prædicti Actus—, in hæc verba. Haberdasshers. The Certificat of the Master and Wardens of the Mystery of Haberdasshers within the Citie of London, unto the right Worshipfull the Kings Majesties Commissioners, assigned for the execution of the late Acte concernyng Colleges Freechappells—. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod tam prædicti Magister & Gardiani Gildæ five Fraternitatis prædictæ, quam prædictus Collector reddituum prædictorum de prædictis viii l xii s— erga dictos Dominum Regem & Dominam Reginam nunc exonerentur, & eorum quilibet exoneretur, quodque prædicti Magister & Gardiani, quoad ulterius respondendum in

præmissis, eant ad præsens sine die prætextu præmissorum; Salvis semper jure & actione Regis & Regine si &c. *Mich. Communia* 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. Rot. 91.

(z) Anglia. — Gardian[i] & Communitatis misteræ five artis de Iremongers Londoniæ. *Trin. Communia* 6 Eliz. Rot. 70.

(a) Londonia. — Quæ Willelmus Denham Miles, nuper Civis & Aldermannus Londoniæ nuper habuit sibi & hæredibus suis, ex dono & concessione nuper Regis Henrici octavi per Literas patentes dicti nuper Regis, gerentes datam tricesimo die Junii anno regni sui tricesimo sexto, Gardianis & Communitati misteræ five artis de lez Irmongers Londoniæ, & Successoribus suis imperpetuum—; and a little lower— Et per probos & legales Homines de Balliva sua scire facerent præfatis Gardianis & Communitati misteræ five artis de lez Irmongers, quod essent coram Baronibus de Scaccario—. *Mich. Communia* 27 Eliz. Rot. 101. In this Roll the word misteræ is written without breviation, and is repeated many times.

(b) Et perche quelli se attrouano alle Banche delli mestieri, se rendono difficili ad accettar altre persone in detti mestieri, per haver loro piu inviamiento da mo sia preso—. se quello repudiato fara sufficiente ad entrar in quello mestier—. *Statuta Veneta, tit. Leggicivili, fol. 297. b. ad Annum Dom. 1519.*

(c) Il cui mistiero è rubbare saccomettere rouinare ogni cosa. *Relationi Universali di Botero* P 2 l 1 p 29.

(d) Si contano in Malines diciassette Mestieri che entrano nelle deliberationi publiche senza molti altri minori. *Botero ib. P 1. l 1. p 65.*

(e) — in divers partyes of thys reame usen wythin them sylfe the mysterye of coryenge and blackynge of lether—. the mysterye of cordewenere—. that no curyer occupy the mysterye of a tanner—. *Statute 1 Hen. 7. cap. 5. titled, Ayenst tanners and cordeweners; apud Ric. Pynson.*

(f) Provyded alwaye, that thys forfeiture in noo wyfe stretche ne extende to brasse or peauter beyng in the possessyon of ony persone, other than the werkers of the same, or suche

CH A P. on *Pynsons* Statute-book) the word *mystyer* was also used in That sense (g). I say, S E C T. I. the word, *Mysterie*, was used for a *Craft* or *Trade* in the reign of K *Henry VII*, and X. XI. likewise in the reign of K *Henry VIII* (h), and *Edward VI*. And in the more modern times it came to be generally used with That signification. After the manner set-forth above, in process of time, from the *Gallick* word *mestera*, *mistera*, and *misteria* (so it was sometimes written), sprung the *English* word *misterie*; but without the least relation to *Mystery* or *Mysterious*. So that to use this word as if it signified something *μυστηριώδες*, *Mysterious*, is such a piece of puerility, as a man who understandeth language and propriety can hardly fall into.

XI. In ancient times a Town embodied was called *Communa*, *Communia*, *Commune*, and in the succeeding times *Communitas*. In the Sixteenth year of K *Henry II*, *Ailwin* the *Mercer* and several other men of the Burgh of *Glocester* were amerced for setting-up a *Communa* or *Community* without Warrant (i). In the Twentysecond year of K *Henry II*, *Thomas from-beyond the Ouse* was amerced for endeavouring to set-up a *Communa* [without Warrant] (k). I have not found that these Terms, *Communa* &c, were commonly if at all used in *England* before the *Norman Conquest*. Probably, after the Conquest they passed into *England* from *Normandy*. It is to be remembred, that Formerly the manner of speaking in Foreign Countries, was conformable to this. An *Universitas*, (saith the *Gloss* in the *Digest*) is called *Commune* (l). In *France* and *Italy*, a Town embodied or corporated was in like manner called *Commune*, *Communia*, *Communitas*, *Communaulté* &c. For instance. In the year 1159, the Body of the City of *Milan* in *Italy* is styled *Commune* (m). The Body of the City of *Rouen* in *Normandy* is styled *Communia* (n). King *John* granted to some of his Towns in *Normandy*, to wit, to *Faleise*, *Danfront*, and *Caen*, that they might have a *Communa* during his pleasure (nn). In the year 1203, the Body of the Town of *Beaune* in *Burgundy* is styled *Communia* (o). In the year 1220, the Town of *Clairmont* in *Auvergne* is called *Communitas* and *Universitas* (p). In the year 1222, the Town of *Diion* in

suche as have the same to sell, or beyng of the craftes or mysteryes. Statute 19 Hen. 7. cap. 6. tit. For Peauterers and Brayfyers—; by *Richard Pynson*.

(g) that no cordwayner nor non other to his use sholde occupye the mystyer of a Tanner, whyles he occupied the mystyer of a Cordwayner—.

that no tanner, whyles he used or occupied the mystyer of a tanner, nor none other to his use, sholde occupye the mystyere of a Coryour.

that no man of the crafte of cordwayners or shomakers—, nor occupye the mystyer or crafte of Coryours—. *Pynsons Statutes* 19 Hen. 7. cap. 19. titled, For Coryers and cordwayners.

(b) — that the wardeines of the occupation or mystyere of coupers—. that every bere brewer may kepe in his house one or two servantes of the misterie or crafte of coupers—. Statute 23 Hen. 8. cap. 4. typis *Thomæ Bertheleti* 1543.

(i) *Hist. Exch.* p 391. col. 2. e.

(k) De Placitis eorundem [viz. *Hugonis de Cressi* & *Randulfi de Glanvilla*] in Civitate *Eborac[o]*. *Ricardus Lescacier* debet i marcam pro def[alta]. *Boidinus Scutarius* debet i marcam pro def[alta]. *Ærn[aldus]* debet dimidiam marcam de misericordia, pro catallis *Flandr[ensium]*. *Robertus filius Afze* r c de x marcis, pro catallis *Flandr[ensium]*. *Marfil[ius]* Cordewaner r c de Cs de misericordia. *Tomas de Ultraisa* r c de xx marcis,

pro Comuna quam volebant (in membrana legitur volebant] facere; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quietus est. *Mag. Rot.* 22 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a. Everwicscira.

(l) *Communi*, i e tota universitate; quia tota universitas commune appellatur. *Dig. in Tractatu de Pace Constan.* gl. *Communi*.

(m) *Commune Mediolani* præfatas conditiones servabit plenarie & bona fide, sine fraude & malo ingenio. *Conventio inter Frid. I Imper. & Mediolanenses*, apud *Goldast.* T 1 p 270, art. 12.

(n) Et si ille pro hoc forisfactum emendare noluerit, *Communia* ostendet *Iustitiis Domini Regis*—. In stabilimento *Communiæ Rothomagi*, apud *Chefniun*, *Script. Norm.* p 1067. b.

(nn) *Hist. Excheq.* p 364.

(o) Si aliquis aliquam injuriam fecerit homini qui hanc communiam [viz. *Belnae*] jura-verit—. *Homines Communiæ*—. qui sunt de communia—. *Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne* p 274. AD 1203; editore *Stephano Perardo viro Clarissimo*.

— prout in carta *Communiæ Belnae* continetur. — quicunque sit de *Communia prædicta Belnae*. *Ibid.* p 276, AD 1283.

Quicunque sit *Major Communiæ Belnae*. *Major & Scabini Communiæ Belnae*. *Ib.* p 278, AD 1283.

(p) Item concedimus, quod sit in *Villa Claromontensi* *communitas* seu *universitas* & consules, & quod *communitas* vel *major pars* possit facere vel constituere consules quos & quales

CH A P. in *Burgundy* had a *Communia* (q). In the year 1252, the Town of *Coichei* in *Bur-S E C T.*

I. *gundy* had a *Communia* (r). In the year 1381, the Town of *Diion* in *Burgundy*. XI. had a *Mayeur Eschevins* and a *Commune* (s); and likewise afterwards in the year 1477 (t). In the year 1404, the Body of the City of *Florence* is called *Commune* (u). In the year 1460, the City of *Genoa* is styled *Communitas* (w). In brief; it was so in manifold other instances. In *France*, a Town embodied was sometimes also said to be *affranchised*, or *amortised* and *mainmorted*; or in such-like terms. In truth, in relation to Cities and Communities, there was anciently a great resemblance or conformity between the Law and Custom of *France*, and the Law and Custom of *England*. Upon That head I need not dilate. But notwithstanding what hath been said above, we may note, that these appellations, *Communa*, *Communitas* &c, were also given to other aggregate Bodies or Numbers of men which were not enfranchised or concorporated; As may be seen elsewhere in this Work (x), and in the *History of the Exchequer* (y).

quales sibi videbitur faciendi, quæ Communitas & consules habeant potestatem plenariam quæ debent & possunt habere consules de consuetudine vel jure. *Les Origines de Clairmont* p 372, AD 1220; editore egregio viro Petro Durando.

(q) Ego Odo Raget Constabularius Ducissæ Burgundiæ — me jurasse, quod si — vel alius caperent aliquas res de Communia Divionensi seu disturbarent vineas ad vindemiandum seu guerram aliquam inferent dictæ communiæ usque dum dictus Hugo Dominus meus ad vicesimum primum annum ætatis suæ venerit. *Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne* by Perard, p 395; AD 1222.

(r) Dicti autem Hubertus [le Pitois Miles, Dominus de Monthelone de Coicheio & de Patriniaco] & Alaidis uxor mea [Domina de dicto Coicheio], ad preces & petitionem dictorum suorum hominum de Coicheio —, sponte & in bona pace concesserunt & dederunt Communiam in perpetuum habendam —, *Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne*, by Stephen Perard, p 476. *Charta data* AD 1252.

(s) Phelippe fils de Roy de France Duc de Bourgoingne —. Savoir vous faisons, que nous avons receu la requeste civile des Mayeurs Eschevins & Commune de nostre Ville de Diion, contenant que —. Donné a Meleun AD 1381. *Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne*, by Perard, p 396.

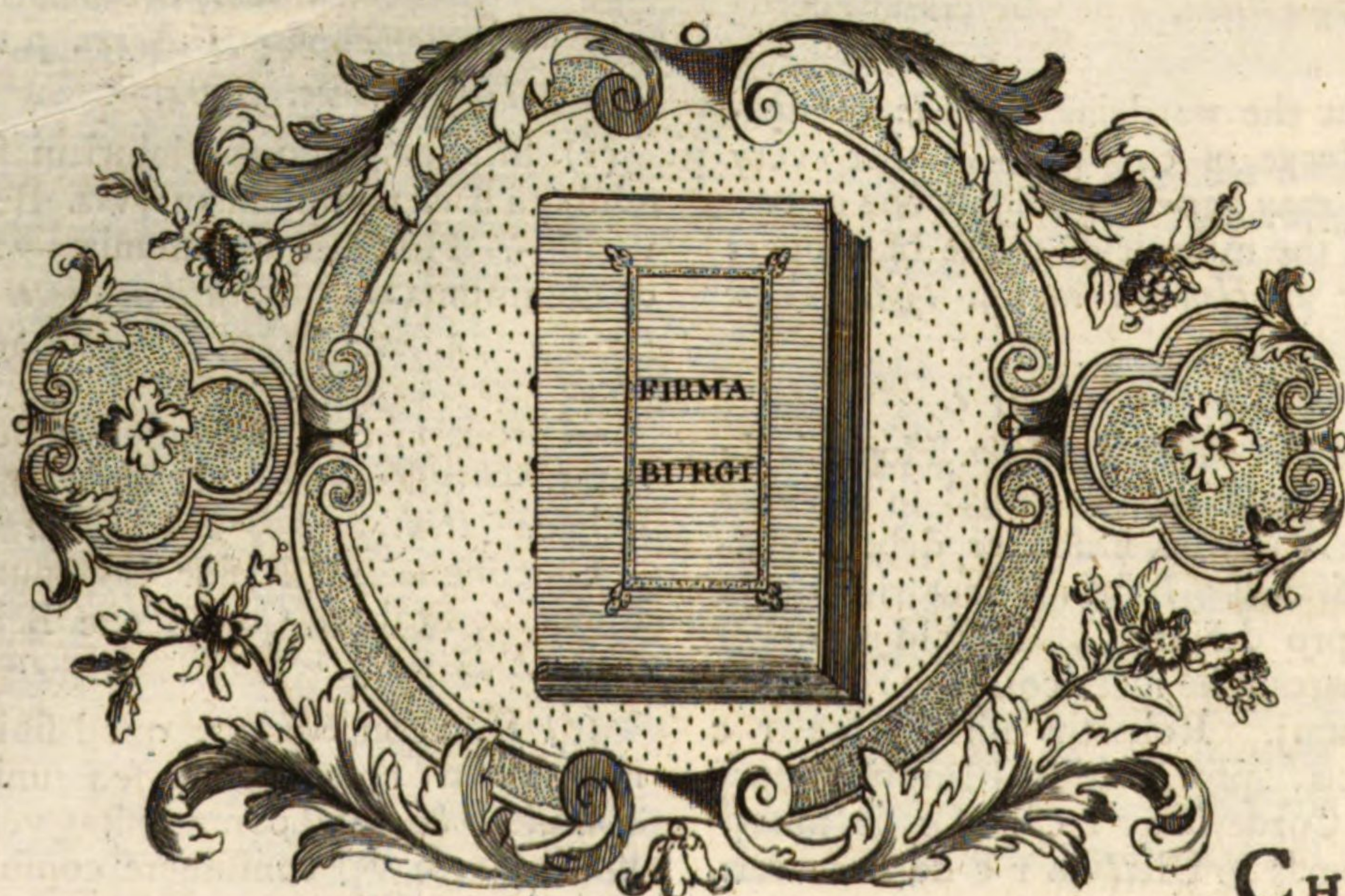
(t) Loys par la grace de Dieu Roy de France —. Receu avons l'humble supplication de nos bien-amez les Maieur Eschevins bourgeois manans & habitans de nostre ville de Diion, contenant que la dite Ville est ville de communauté, & en icelle de tout temps & dancienneté a Maire & vint Eschevins, faisant en nombre vingt un personnes —. Et pour ce qui n'a este parcidevant loisible a ladite communaulte de appeller ou retenir ou corps du dit Colliege —. *Recueil de Pieces pour Bourgogne*, by Perard, p 390. *Charta data* AD 1477.

(u) Regi Francorum Commune Florentiæ, manu Colucii Cancellarii. Serenissime & Christianissime Principum —. Datum Florentiæ die xxiii mensis Aprilis, 1404. *Stephani Baluzii (Viri præcellentis) Miscellan. Vol. 4. p 516.*

(w) — Johannes de Serra ad nos pervenerit, Ambassiator & Orator pro Civitate & Communitate Januæ —. Nos considerantes amicitias quas dudum Dux & Communitas Januæ nobiscum habuerunt —. *Rymeri Fœdera. T 11, p 441. ad ann. 36 Hen. 6. tit. De treugis cum Januensibus. AD 1460.*

(x) Chap. 5. sect. 15, 16, 35.

(y) *The aggregate Body of the Jews of England is currently styled Communa, Communitas &c; Hist. Exch. p 152, t. Wiltes. p 153, z, p 178, s, &c.*



CHAPTER

CHAPTER II.

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I.



THE Question or Theme proposed in the First Chapter cometh-on to be balanced in This and the following chapters. In Ancient times, little Difference was made (for ought that I have observed) between a populous Town that was gildated or encorporated, and one that was not gildated or encorporated, so far as relateth to our present Enquiry. To illustrate this matter, I will, in This and the next following chapters of this Discourse, draw a Comparison between Towns-corporate and Towns not-corporate, in two or three particulars, to wit, As to Perpetual Succession, As to Holding their Town at Ferm, And as to Paying their Aids, Tallages, Common Fines and Amerciaments. Of these three points in their order.

II. A Town not Corporated might be a Community having Perpetual Succession, as well as a Corporate-Town. And other Aggregate Bodies or Communities of men were Formerly deemed to have Perpetual Succession; And even Single Persons might Take and Hold in Perpetual Succession, without being encorporated. For instance.

III. In the Sixth year of K *John*, the Men of the Towns of *Gumeselve* and *Potesdon* in *Surrey* claimed to hold their said Towns freely, and to enjoy certain Liberties [in perpetuity]; Which Claim was opposed by *Alan Trenchemere* then Lord of the said Towns (a).

IV. In the Sixth year of K *John*, the Townsmen of *Odiham* in *Hamshire* held their Town in Fee-ferm, to them and their heirs, of the King and his heirs (b).

V. K *John*

(a) Nova Oblata. Alanus Trenchemere debet iii Palefridos, pro habenda Inquisitione per sacramentum vi Militum & vi Liberorum hominum de Visneto de Gumeselve & Potesdon, qualiter homines sui de prædictis Villis tenere debent, Libere vel aliter, & per quem

habent, vel per Regem vel per Vicecomitem, Libertates quas habere clamant. *Mag. Rot. 6 Joh. Rot. 8. b. Surreia.*

(b) Nova Oblata. Homines de Odiham debent C marcas, pro habenda villa de Odiham

CHAP.
II.SECT.
V. VI.

V. K *John* by his Charter granted to the Rector of the Church of *Okham* in *Rutlandshire*, that all the Tenants of That Church and the Chapells belonging to it, shall be for ever quittance of Suits to Shires and Hundreds, and of Aids to Sheriffs and their Bailiffs (d).

VI. King *Henry III* by a Charter under his *Great-Seal* dated in the Sixteenth year of his reign, granted for Himself and his Heirs, to all his Liege-men of the County of *Kent*, That from thenceforth the *Grand Assise* should not be taken for Lands holden in *Gavelikunde* in the County of *Kent*, namely where Demandant and Tenant are *Gavelkinders*, but that instead of the *Grand Assise* by Twelve Knights, Jurates shall be taken in *Kent* by Twelve Men being Tenants in *Gavelikunde*, after the manner that the *Grand Assise* is taken in other parts of *England*. It is not indeed said in this Charter in express words, that the King granted this privilege to the Men of *Kent* and their Heirs (as they used to phrase it in That age). But I conceive it is to be so understood, namely to be a Grant in perpetuity (e).

VII. K *Ed-*

ham ad feodi firmam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, Exceptis essartis factis per Johannem filium Hugonis quæ Rex tenuit in manu sua, Habenda & tenenda eis & hæredibus suis de Rege & hæredibus suis imperpetuum per antiquam firmam scilicet xxxv l & iiii s, & per Crementum xiiii l & xvi s, scilicet Medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ & Medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis per annum pro omni Servitio. Et notandum quod ipsi homines sint quieti de xx marcis quas superius promiserunt pro Fine Auxilii Passagii Regis; Quia Rex non vult eas habere, sed vult ut taillientur. Et per hunc Finem eorum Finis superius scriptus cancellatur. *Mag. Rot. 6 Job. Rot. 10. b. tit. Sudhantescira.*

(d) Johannes Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ Dux Normanniæ Aquitaniæ & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Ballivis & omnibus Ministris & fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei concessisse & præsentis scripto confirmasse Deo & Ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum de *Okham*, ad petitionem Jacobi Salvagii Clerici nostri Rectoris ejusdem Ecclesiæ, quod omnes Tenentes prædictæ Ecclesiæ de *Okham* & Capellarum ad eandem Ecclesiam pertinentium liberi sint & quieti imperpetuum de sectis Syrarum & Hundredorum, & de auxiliis Vicecomitum & omnium Ballivorum & Ministrorum suorum, & de omnibus aliis quæ ad Vicecomitem vel Ballivos vel Ministros suos pertinent. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus quod omnes Tenentes ejusdem Ecclesiæ & Capellarum ad eandem Ecclesiam pertinentium libertatem & quietantiam illam habeant & teneant imperpetuum bene & in pace, sicut prædictum est. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram nequis eos super hoc in aliquo vexet vel molestat. *Ex chartulario Faustina A III. fol. 281. b. in Biblioth. Cottoniana.*

(e) Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hybernæ, Dux Normanniæ, & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis sa-

lutem. Sciatis quod ad communem & unanimem instantiam omnium fidelium nostrorum de Comitatu Kanciæ, concessimus eis & hac Carta nostra confirmavimus, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod de tenementis quæ tenentur in *Gavelikunde* in Comitatu Kanciæ de cetero non capiantur Magnæ Assisæ per duodecim Milites, sicut alibi capiuntur in regno nostro, scilicet ubi petens & tenens sint hinc inde *Gavelikundeis*, Ita quod petens exigit per *Gavelikunde*, & tenens teneat per *Gavelikunde*; Sed loco Magnarum Assisarum illarum capiantur Juratæ per duodecim homines tenentes in *Gavelikunde*, in forma & eisdem locis secundum quod Magnæ Assisæ prius inde capiebantur; Ita quod quatuor tenentes in *Gavelikunde* eligant duodecim tenentes in *Gavelikunde* Juratores, sicut quatuor Milites eligere consueverunt duodecim Milites in Magna Assisa. Et cum Juratæ illæ prædicto modo capiantur, fiant inde Judicia secundum quod prius fieri solent de Magnis Assisæ captis per duodecim Milites. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod de tenementis quæ tenentur in *Gavelikunde* in Comitatu Kanciæ de cetero non capiantur Magnæ Assisæ per duodecim Milites, sicut alibi capiuntur in regno nostro, scilicet ubi petens & tenens sint hinc inde *Gavelikundeis*; Ita quod petens exigit per *Gavelikunde* & Tenens teneat per *Gavelikunde*; Sed loco Magnarum Assisarum illarum, capiantur Juratæ per duodecim homines tenentes in *Gavelikunde*, in forma & eisdem locis secundum quod Magnæ Assisæ prius capiebantur; Ita quod quatuor Tenentes in *Gavelikunde* eligant duodecim Tenentes in *Gavelikunde* Juratores, sicut quatuor Milites eligere consueverunt duodecim Milites in Magna Assisa. Et cum Juratæ illæ prædicto modo capiantur, fiant inde Judicia secundum quod prius fieri solent de Magnis Assisæ captis per duodecim Milites, sicut prædictum est. Hiis Testibus, H de Burgo Comite Kanc[iæ] Justiciario Angliæ, Stephano de Segrave, Henrico de Aldithelega, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Godefrido de Craucumbe, Johanne filio Philippi, Galfrido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugonis, Galfrido Dispensatore, Henrico de Capella, & aliis. Datum per manum

CHAP.
II.

SECT.
VII. VIII.

VII. K *Edward* I, granted to his Burgesſes of *Overton*, that they and their heirs ſhould have and hold, of the King and his heirs for ever, their Meſuages ſituate in the ſaid Burrough, by the ſervices due for the ſame (f). And it ſeemeth, that the Kings Burgesſes of *Rothelan*, and of ſome other Towns in the Marches of *Wales*, were in the like caſe with the Men of *Overton* (g).

VIII. *William de Brewoſa* Lord of *Gowerland* granted by his Charter to the Abbots, Priors, Hoſpitalers, Templars, Knights, Franktenants, and their Tenants, as well *English* as *Welſh*, inhabiting or holding lands within the precinct of the *English* County of *Gower*, divers Liberties, To have and to hold to them and their Succeſſors or their heirs and aſſignes for ever (h).

IX. K *Ed-*

manum Venerabilis Patris Radulfi Cyceſtrenſis Epiſcopi Cancellarii noſtri apud Weſtmonaſterium, undecimo die Februarii anno regni noſtri ſextodecimo. *Ex autographo extante in archivo Eccleſiæ-Chriſti Cantuariæ. In dorſo autographi viſuntur hæc verba, ſcriptura moderna (nempe ſeculi Sexti ſupra Milieſimum) exarata, viz. Privilegium ſive Statutum in gratiam Gavelkindorum. Sigillum Regium ceræ viridis adpendet laqueo longiuſculo e filiis ſericis. Vide etiam Hiſt. Scacc. p 299. col. 2. i.*

(f) Pro Burgenſibus de *Overton*. Rex Theſaurario & Baronibus ſuis de Scaccario, ſalutem. Cum per Cartam noſtram conceſſerimus pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris, quod Villa noſtra de *Overton* liber Burgus ſit, & quod homines noſtri ejuſdem Villæ liberi ſint Burgenſes, & quod ipſi & hæredes ſui meſuagia ſua infra Burgum prædictum imperpetuum habeant & teneant, de nobis & hæredibus noſtris, per ſervitia inde debita & conſueta, prout in Carta noſtra prædicta plenius continetur; ac poſtmodum per Literas noſtras patentès conceſſerimus eiſdem hominibus, quod a feſto Sancti Michaëlis anno regni noſtri decimo nono, uſque ad finem decem annorum proximo ſequentium completorum, quieti ſint de redditibus ſuis nobis debitis pro meſuagiis ſuis infra burgum prædictum, ſecundum formam qua aliis Burgenſibus noſtris in partibus illis de redditibus ſuis nuper conceſſeramus, de gratia noſtra ſpeciali; prout in Literis noſtris prædictis plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus, quod Burgenſes noſtros prædictos de redditibus ſuis prædictis a prædicto feſto Sancti Michaëlis, uſque ad finem decem annorum, quietos eſſe permittatis, juxta tenorem Literarum noſtrarum prædictarum. Teſte Rege apud Weſtm[onaſterium], xiii^o die Marci. *Clauf. 28 Edw. 1. m. 12.*

Pro Burgenſibus de *Overton*. Rex dilecto & fideli ſuo Ricardo de May Juſticiario ſuo Ceſtriæ ſalutem. Quia accepimus, per Inquiſitionem quam per dilectum & fidelem noſtrum Reginaldum de Grey nuper Juſticiarium noſtrum Ceſtriæ fieri fecimus, quod eſſet ad commodum noſtrum & Burgenſium noſtrorum de *Overton*, ſi factò rationabili eſcambio Wallenſibus qui tenent de nobis terras & tenementa Villæ noſtræ de *Overton* contigua, de quibuſdam Dominicis terris noſtris in Bangor Herbeſtok & Bodedideris, pro prædictis terris ipſorum Wallenſium prædictæ Villæ noſtræ de *Overton* contiguas, eaſdem terras

& tenementa Villæ noſtræ de *Overton* contigua Burgenſibus noſtris ejuſdem Villæ conceſſeremus, tenenda pro certo redditu nobis inde per annum reddendo. Vobis mandamus, quod ſi hujusmodi eſcambium ſit ad commodum noſtrum, & prædicti Wallenſes eſcambio illi conſentire voluerint, tunc factò eſcambio illo de prædictis dominicis terris noſtris, prædictas terras & tenementa prædictæ Villæ noſtræ de *Overton* contigua præſatis Burgenſibus noſtris liberetis, tenenda in forma prædicta. Et de eſcambio illo, cum factum fuerit, nos ſub Sigillo veſtro diſtincte & aperte reddatis certiorem. Teſte Rege apud Sanctum Albanum xi^o die Aprilis. *Clauf. 28 Edw. 1. m. 8.*

(g) Pro hominibus de *Overton*, de placiis ſibi assignandis. Rex dilecto & fideli ſuo Reginaldo de Grey Juſticiario ſuo Ceſtriæ, ſalutem. Quia volumus quod hominibus Villæ noſtræ de *Overton*, quæ eſt liber Burgus noſter, & aliis in Burgo illo habitare volentibus, assignentur certæ placie in dominicis terris noſtris Caſtro noſtro de *Overton* contiguas, pro burgagiis ibidem ædificandis, & etiam quod in terris arabilibus & boſcis noſtris extra dominica illa exiſtentibus, & eiſdem dominicis contiguas, certæ terræ ſimiliter assignentur eiſdem, prout juxta diſcretionem veſtram duxeritis providendæ. Ita quod ipſi cum boſcum in terris illis eiſ ſic assignandis exiſtens affartari, & terras illas in culturam redigi fecerint, maëremium ejuſdem boſci habeant, ad burgagia ſua inde ædificanda, & terras illas ſimul cum burgagiis ſuis, poſt assignationem eiſ inde factam, quietas teneant de firma ſua nobis reddenda per decennium ſequens, ſicut Burgenſes noſtri de *Rothelan*, & cæteri Burgenſes noſtri in partibus illis, burgagia ſua & terras ſuas quietas tenent de firma ſua nobis reddenda, ex conceſſione noſtra. Vobis mandamus, quod in propria perſona veſtra ad Villam illam accedatis, & hominibus Villæ prædictæ, & aliis ibidem habitare volentibus, certas placias in dictis Dominicis noſtris, pro burgagiis ſuis, & certas terras extra Dominica noſtra prædicta, assignari faciatis, tenendas in forma prædicta, & prout in præſentia veſtra coram nobis & Conſilio noſtro plenius extitit, ordinatum. Teſte Rege apud Weſtm[onaſterium], v^o die Junii. *Clauf. 21 Edw. 1. m. 7.*

(h) De inquirendo de quibuſdam transgreſſionibus oppreſſionibus &c factis in terra de *Gower*. Rex dilectis & fidelibus ſuis Gilber-

CHAP.

II.

IX. K Edward III made a Patent Letter of Confirmation to the Men of Guernsey Jersey Serk and Aureney, and their heirs and successors (i).

S E C T.
IX. X.

X. The Town of *Tettysworth* in *Oxfordshire* acted as a Community. They held certain lands hereunder mentioned in perpetuity, and granted the same to the Church of That Town in perpetuity. In the Fortyninth year of K Edward III, it is Found by an Escheatours Inquisition, that the Community of the Town of *Tettysworth* in the County of *Oxford* gave or granted to God and to the Church of

to Talbot Radulfo Bloyon Johanni Inge & Ricardo Penres salutem. Sciatis quod cum Willelmus de Brewosa nuper Dominus de terra de Gower, per cartam suam pro se & hæredibus suis & suis assignatis, concessisset omnibus Abbatibus Prioribus Hospitelariis Templar[iis], Militibus libere tenentibus & eorum tenentibus, tam Angl[icis] quam Wallensibus, infra procinctum Com[itatus] Anglicani Goweriæ habitantibus seu terram tenentibus, diversas libertates, tenendas & habendas sibi & successoribus suis, seu hæredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum; Volens insuper & concedens pro se & hæredibus & assignatis suis, quod quodcumque ipse vel hæredes sui vel sui assignati, aliquem articulum ipsarum libertatum quacunque arte vel ingenio violarent, contra dictas concessiones & libertates aut consuetudines seu illarum aliquam in quocunque articulo temere veniendo, Domino Regi Angliæ in quingentis libris argenti nomine puri debiti, necnon cui vel quibus ex Hominibus prædictis aut hæredibus eorum injuriatum foret, contra dictæ cartæ tenorem in aliis quingentis libris argenti nomine puri debiti, solvend[is] una cum dampnis sibi adjudicandis secundum parcium illarum consuetudinem, infra dimidium annum a tempore transgressionis commissæ, quocienscumque facerent vel attemptarent quicquid contra præmissa aut eorum aliqua, se & hæredes suos tenore ejusdem cartæ teneri & obligari: Ac jam ex frequentibus querelis diversorum hominum & tenentium terræ prædictæ acceperimus, quod Ricardus de Peshale & Alina uxor ejus fil[ia] & hæres præfati Willelmi, Domini terræ prædictæ de Gower, diversa transgressionibus oppressionibus injuriis dampnis & gravamina quamplurima, tam per se quam per Ministros suos ibidem, dictis hominibus & tenentibus contra firmam libertatum & concessionum prædictarum, & contra leges & consuetudines ibidem habitas & hætenus usitatas, multipliciter intulerunt, & adhuc indies inferre non desistunt, in ipsorum hominum & tenentium dispendium non modicum & depauperationem manifestam; de quibus quidem transgressionibus oppressionibus injuriis dampnis & gravaminibus dicti Homines & tenentes in Curia ipsorum Ricardi & Alinæ, pro eo quod præmissa ipsos tangunt, justiciam consequi non possunt. Super quo, iidem Homines & tenentes, per petitionem suam coram nobis & Consilio nostro in Parlamento nostro exhibitam, nobis supplicarunt, ut eis de remedio in hac parte providere curaremus: Nos igitur ad concessiones & pœnas prædictas considerationem habentes, ac ratione superioris domini quo sumus omnibus

& singulis de regno & dominiis nostris in exhibitione justitiæ debitores, volentes tam pro nobis quam pro prædictis Hominibus & tenentibus in hac parte justiciam exhiberi, Assignavimus vos, tres & duos vestrum, Justiciarios nostros, ad cartam prædictam inspiciendam & examinandam, & ad inquirendum per sacramentum &c de dicta terra de Gower, per quos &c, de omnibus transgressionibus oppressionibus injuriis dampnis & gravaminibus, contra tenorem cartæ prædictæ Hominibus prædictis illatis, necnon ad querelas omnium & singulorum eorundem hominum & tenencium, de hujusmodi transgressionibus oppressionibus injuriis dampnis & gravaminibus conqueri volentium, nisi iidem Ricardus & Alina vel eorum Ministri ante adventum vestrum ad terram prædictam, eisdem Hominibus & tenentibus inde faciant justitiæ complementum, audiendas & terminandas secundum leges & consuetudines parcium illarum. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod vos tres vel duo vestrum ad terram prædictam personaliter accedentes, præmissa omnia & singula faciatis & expleatis in forma prædicta; & si forsan inquisitiones per vos tres vel duos vestrum super præmissis capiendæ, vel aliqua earum, per homines de terra prædicta propter calumpnias rationabiles capi nequiverint, tunc eas per sacramentum proborum &c de partibus vicinis, videlicet in Comitatu de Kaermerdyn, & Senescalcii terrarum de Canermaure & Cardigan, & terra de Gloumorgan, ad certos &c quos vos tres vel duo vestrum ad hoc provideritis, capiat, & transgressionibus oppressionibus injuriis dampnis & gravaminibus prædictis audiat & terminetis in forma prædicta, Facturi &c secundum leges & consuetudines parcium illarum, Salvis &c. Mandavimus enim præfatis Ricardo & Alinæ, quod ipsi de terra prædicta de Gower, & Vicecomiti nostro Comitatus prædicti, quod ipse de eodem Comitatu, ac Senescallis nostris Senescalciarum prædictarum quod ipsi de Senescalcii suis, necnon Willelmo la Zouche Domino de Gloumorgan, quod ipse de dicta terra de Gloumorgan, ad certos dies & loca quos vos tres vel duo vestrum eis scire feceritis, venire faciant coram vobis tribus vel duobus vestrum tot & tales &c de terris prædictis, per quos &c in præmissis &c & inquire, & vobis tribus vel duobus vestrum in omnibus & singulis pareant & intendant. In cujus &c. T Rege apud Hertford xxviii^o die Januarii. Per Consilium. *Originale 5 Edw.* 3. *Rot.* 29.

(i) *Prynn on 4 Instit.* p 207.

CHAP. of *Tettysworth* Three mesuages and certain land lying in *Thame* in the same COUNTY. Afterwards, the Bishop of *Lincoln* Lord of the Fee Pleadeth to That

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Inquisition, and by way of Traverse saith, that the Community of the Town of *Tettysworth* did not grant the said mesuages &c as aforesaid. The Kings Attorney Replieth, and maintaineth that the Community of the said Town of *Tettysworth* did grant the said mesuages &c as aforesaid. The Court of Exchequer adjudgeth, that the Bishop of *Lincoln* be discharged of the issues of the said mesuages and lands (k).

XI. K Hen-

(k) Oxon[ia]. King Edward III by his Patent-Letter committed to John Bishop of *Lincoln* the Custody of Three mesuages fifteen acres of land and three rods of meadow in *Thame* with the issues thereof; he to answer to the King for the said issues, if it should be adjudged that they belonged to the King. The present Bishop was distreined to answer for the issues. He came and produced a Mittimus with the Tenour of a Record and process moved in Chancery, and Discussed in the Kings Bench in Hilary term anno xvii^o Ric. 2. That Tenour containeth an Escheatours Inquisition taken virtute officii 28 Maii 49 E 3. It Finds that Nicholas de Weston died seized in fee of Three Mesuages 15 Acres of Land and three rods of Meadow in *Thame*; after whose Death the Bishop of *Lincoln* intravit clamando ea sibi & successoribus Episcopis loci prædicti ut escaetam suam jure ecclesiæ suæ —; & quod prædictus Nicholas habet plures consanguineos de terris & tenementis prædictis hæreditabiles; That John Prentys died seized in fee de uno burgagio cum pertinentiis in villa prædicta; and died anno 47^o E 3; after whose death Episcopus *Lincolniensis* intravit, & ita tenet ut escaetam — pro defectu hæredum, ubi plures sunt de sanguine prædicti Johannis; & valet per annum xld. Et dicunt quod Communitas villæ de *Tettysworth* dederunt Deo & Sanctæ ecclesiæ de *Tettysworth*, unum mesuagium cum gardino cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, quod valet per annum iiii s, licentia Domini super hoc non optenta; Et quod Episcopus *Lincolniensis* ut Dominus feodi post tempus sibi limitatum intravit, & absque titulo hoc occupavit per xl annos, & adhuc occupat —.

The Bishop comes and Pleads, That he and all his predecessours were immemorially Lords of the Manour of *Thame*; That Nicholas Weston held of the said Manour the said Three Mesuages &c, in burgage, and died seized in fee, absque aliquo hærede; after whose death the Bishops predecessors John entred as into his escheat, prout ei bene licuit. Absque hoc quod prædictus Nicholas tempore mortis suæ aliquos habuit hæredes seu consanguineos hæreditabiles de terris & tenementis prædictis, prout per prædictam præsentationem [he means Inquisitionem] supponitur. Et hoc paratus est verificare &c. Dicit eciam idem Episcopus, quod prædictus Johannes Prentys tenuit de eo unum burgagium cum pertinentiis in prædicta villa de *Thame*, ut de Manerio suo prædicto, prædicto ut in burgagio &c, per servitium reddendi eidem Episcopo xx s per annum; & obiit seistus in dominico suo ut de feodo sine hæ-

rede; Post cujus mortem prædictus Episcopus qui nunc est in burgagium prædictum cum pertinentiis, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ *Lincolniæ*, tanquam escaetam suam intravit & tenet, ut [ei] bene licuit; Absque hoc that John left any heires or Cousins inheritable. Dicit ulterius idem Episcopus, quod ubi per præsentationem prædictam supponitur, quod Communitas villæ de *Tettysworth* dedisse debuissent Deo & sanctæ ecclesiæ de *Tettysworth* unum mesuagium cum uno gardino cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, quod valet per annum iiii s, absque licentia Domini Regis; ad quod idem Episcopus ven[it] per prædictum attornatum suum, & dicit quod ipse & predecessores sui fuerunt seistiti in dominico suo ut de feodo, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ *Lincolniæ*, de mesuagio & gardino prædictis cum pertinentiis, ut parcella manerii sui prædicti, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit; Absque hoc quod Communitas villæ prædictæ tale donum seu concessionem fecerunt, prout per prædictam præsentationem supponitur. Et hæc omnia & singula prætendit verificare &c.

Et Edmundus Brudenell qui sequitur pro Domino Rege dicit, quod prædicti Nicholas & Johannes Prentys habuerunt die quo obierunt plures consanguineos de tenementis prædictis hæreditabiles; Et quod Communitas prædictæ villæ de *Tettysworth* dedit Deo & ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ Mesuagium & gardinum prædicta cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, licentia Domini Regis super hoc non optenta; Et quod Episcopus *Lincolniensis* ut Dominus feodi, post tempus sibi limitatum, intravit, & absque titulo hoc occupavit, & adhuc occupat. Et hoc paratus est pro Domino Rege verificare. Et petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Et prædictus Episcopus similiter. Ideo ven[iat] inde jurata coram Domino Rege a die S Johannis Baptiste in xv dies ubicumque &c, Et qui &c, ad recognoscendum &c —. The Jury Find in all things for the Bishop, as he had above pleaded. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus Episcopus eat inde sine die; Salvo semper jure Domini Regis si quod &c. Et prædictus Episcopus petit judicium in præmissis. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde per eosdem, consideratum est quod prædictus Episcopus de compoto in præmissis ab eo exacto eat ad præsens sine die prætextu præmissorum; Salva semper actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. Mich. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 37.

CHAP. XI. K Henry IV in the Third year of his reign granted to the Burgesles of *Tenby* S E C T. II. in *Herefordshire*, a certain wast Place situate in the midst of the Market-place of XI. XII. *Tenby*, to the end the Burgesles should cover the said wast Place and make Shambles There, to the use and profit of the said Burgesles and their Successors (l).

XII. In the ancient times, Charters or Grants of Possessions or Franchises made to Cities or Towns, were usually made to the Townsmen of a City or Town, *Habendum to them and their heirs, of the King and his heirs*. This was the Form in which Charters or Grants most commonly ran in the ages next after the *Norman Conquest*. To limit a thing to a man and to his heirs, or to several men and their heirs, was in those ages the most usual form of granting in Perpetuity. For example. King *Henry II* made a Charter to the Citifens of *London*, to hold to them and their heirs, of the King and his heirs (m). In like form K *John* granted a Charter to the Citifens of *Lincoln* (n), and to the Burgesles of *Gernemue* (o). In the Twenty-sixth year of K *Henry III*, *Baldewin de Redvers* Earl of *Devon*, granted his Burrough of *Plympton* to his Burgesles There, to hold to them and their heirs, of him and his heirs for ever, as freely as the Citifens of *Exeter* held their City of the King (p). King *Henry III* granted Charters in like form, as to the limitation

(l) Burgesles de Tenebia debent i bras Leporar[iorum] per annum, de quodam vasto loco discooperto ubi carnes venduntur in medio mercati villæ prædictæ, quod quidem mercatum Rex H quartus xxii die Augusti anno regni sui tercio concessit præfatis Burgesibus, Reddendo Regi & hæredibus suis i bras leporar[iorum] per annum, ad finem quod ipsi locum illum cooperire & inde scabellum pro carnibus facere possint, ad usum & proficuum eorundem Burgesium & successorum suorum, sicut continetur in Rotulo tercio ejusdem nuper Regis H, Et xxix bras de annis præteritis. Summa xxx bras. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. tit. Heref. m. 1. a. See also Firma Burgi Chap. 3.*

(m) — Quare volo & firmiter præcipio, quod ipsi & hæredes eorum hæc omnia prædicta hæreditarie habeant & teneant de me & de meis hæredibus. *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 28. a.*

(n) Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, quod ipsi Cives (of *Lincoln*) & hæredes eorum hæc omnia prædicta cum Civitate & pertinentiis ejus hæreditarie habeant & teneant de nobis & hæredibus nostris—. *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 34.*

(o) — Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti Burgesles de *Gernemue* & eorum hæredes habeant & teneant imperpetuum omnia prædicta hæreditarie bene & in pace—. *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 9. c.*

(p) Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ—, Archiepiscopis Episcopis &c salutem. Inspe- ximus Cartam quam *Baldewinus de Redveris* fecit Burgesibus de *Plympton* in hæc verba. Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, *Baldewinus de Redveris* Comes *Devoniæ* & Dominus *Insulæ* salutem. Notum sit vobis, nos concessisse & tradidisse dilectis & fidelibus Burgesibus nostris de *Plympton*, totum Burgum nostrum de *Plympton*, cum foro & nundinis & omnibus pertinentiis suis ad dictum Burgum spectantibus, Tenendum & habendum sibi & hæredibus suis, de nobis & hæredibus nostris imperpetu-

um, adeo libere & quiete, cum omnibus libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus, eo modo sicut Cives *Exoniæ* melius & liberius habent vel habere debent in Civitate sua *Exoniæ*, quam de Rege tenent, exceptis nativis nostris, quos si contigerit in prædicto Burgo manere vel perhendinare, quod prædictæ libertatis auctoritate prædictis Burgesibus concessa, nullam sibi libertatem poterunt vindicare aut usurpare sine assensu nostro speciali, Reddendo nobis & hæredibus nostris, dicti Burgesles & hæredes sui, annuatim viginti quatuor libras & duos solidos & duos denarios, ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet—. Concessimus insuper dictis Burgesibus & hæredibus suis, liberum introitum in Burgum, & liberum exitum a Burgo. Præterea concessimus dictis Burgesibus & hæredibus suis, quod sint liberi & quieti a tolneto & omni consuetudine per omnes terras suas. Volumus itaque & firmiter præcipimus, ne aliqui Ballivi vel Ministri nostri, prædictis Burgesibus nostris vel hæredibus suis, aliquam inferant injuriam vel inferri permittant. — Hiis Testibus — & multis aliis. Carta ista facta fuit die Annunciationis beatæ Virginis Mariæ apud *Plympton*, anno regni Domini Regis *Henrici filii Regis Johannis* vicesimo sexto. Then the King Inspects a Charter made to the said Burgesles by *Isabella de Fortibus Countess of Albemarle and Devon and Lady of the Isle*, confirming the said Charter made by *Baldwin de Redvers* her Father. Her Charter is without Date. Then it follows in the Kings Charter, Nos autem prædictas donationes & concessiones ratas habentes & gratas, eas pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, præfatis Burgesibus & hæredibus suis, concedimus & confirmamus, sicut prædictæ Cartæ prædictorum *Baldewini* & *Isbellæ*, & sicut cartæ eorundem de prædictis libertatibus, quibus ipsi & antecessores sui hucusque rationabiliter usi sunt, juste & rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus—. Datum per manum nostram apud *Westm[onasterium]*, duodecimo die Junii anno regni nostri tertiodecimo. *Chart. 13 Edw. 1. m. 19.*

CHAP. II. imitation of Succession, to the Men or Burgeses of the several Towns following, S B C T. XII. to wit, To the Burgeses of *Norhampton* (q), the Men of *Guldeford* (r), the Citizens of *Norwich* (s), and others. Add hereunto that in like form *Guelfo* Duke of *Este* and *Maud* his Lady made a Charter to the Citizens and Suburbians of *Mantua* and their heirs, in or about the year MLXXXX (t).

In the ages then next following, Charters were commonly made, *To hold to them and their heirs and successors*. In this manner Charters were made to the Burgeses

(q) Rex Archiepiscopis &c. Sciatis nos concessisse & hac carta nostra confirmasse Burgenfibus nostris *Norhamptoniæ*, quod ipsi & eorum hæredes in perpetuum, habeant returrum omnium brevium nostrorum, tam de summonitionibus scaccarii nostri, quam de aliis Burgum prædictum & libertatem ejusdem Burgi tangentibus —; *with other Liberties*. Concedimus eciam eis, quod ipsi & eorum hæredes habeant omnes libertates ipsis prius concessas, per cartam nostram, & per cartas prædecessorum nostrorum Regum Angliæ, sicut eis rationabiliter hucusque usi sunt. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti Burgeses & eorum hæredes imperpetuum habeant libertates prædictas. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram, ne quis eos contra hanc concessionem nostram in aliquo disturbet vel molestat. Hiis Testibus —. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium] xviii^o Januarii anno regni nostri xli^o. *Chart. 41 Hen. 3. m. 9.*

(r) Rex Archiepiscopis &c. Sciatis nos concessisse & hac carta nostra confirmasse probis hominibus nostris de *Guldeford*, quod ipsi & eorum hæredes imperpetuum, per totam terram & potestatem nostram habeant hanc libertatem, videlicet quod ipsi & eorum bona, quocunque locorum in potestate nostra inventa, non arestantur pro aliquo debito de quo fidejussores aut principales debitores non extiterint, nisi forte ipsi debitores de eorum sint communia & potestate, habentes unde de debitis suis in toto vel in parte satisfacere possint, & dicti homines nostri creditoribus eorundem debitorum in justitia defuerint —. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti Homines nostri & eorum hæredes imperpetuum, per totam terram & potestatem nostram, habeant omnes libertates præscriptas, & eis libere sine impedimento alicujus decætero utantur imperpetuum —. Hiis Testibus —. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium] vii^o die Januarii, anno regni nostri xli^o. *Chart. 41 Hen. 3. m. 12.*

Rex Archiepiscopis &c. Sciatis nos, ad meliorationem Villæ nostræ de *Guldeford* concessisse & hac carta nostra confirmasse probis Hominibus nostris ejusdem Villæ & eorum hæredibus, quod comitatus noster *Surreyæ* imperpetuum teneatur in eadem Villa de *Guldeford*. Et quod Justiciarii nostri itinerantes ad communia placita in Comitatu prædicto, quociens ipsos itinerare contigerit, sedent & teneant assisas illas & placita illa in eadem Villa de toto Comitatu prædicto. Qua-

re volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti homines de *Guldeford* & eorum hæredes imperpetuum, habeant libertates præscriptas, & eis libere & sine impedimento alicujus gaudeant imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est. Hiis Testibus —. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium], vii^o die Septembris anno regni nostri xli^o. *Chart. 41 Hen. 3. m. 12.*

(s) Rex Archiepiscopis &c. salutem. Inspeimus Cartam quam Dominus H Rex Angliæ pater noster fecit Civibus nostris de *Norwyco* in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia —; Sciatis nos concessisse Civibus nostris *Norwyci*, quod nullus eorum placitet extra Civitatem *Norwycen[ssem]* de nullo placito, præter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis Monetariis & Ministris nostris. Concessimus etiam eis quietantiam *murdri* & *Gawytam* infra Civitatem, & quod nullus eorum faciat duellum *with several other franchises*. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, quod ipsi Cives & eorum hæredes hæc omnia prædicta, cum Civitate & pertinentiis ejus hæreditarie habeant & teneant de nobis & hæredibus nostris; Reddendo per annum Centum & octo libras sterlingorum blancas de Civitate *Norwic[i]*, per manum Præpositi *Norwici*, ad Scaccarium nostrum, in termino Sancti Michaelis. Et prædicti Cives *Norwici* faciant Præpositos de se per annum, qui sint idonei nobis & eis, sicut Cartæ H Regis avi nostri, & R Regis avunculi nostri, & Domini J Regis patris nostri, quas inde habent, rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus —; Datum per manum Venerabilis patris R Cicestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westmonasterium, tercio-decimo die Februarii anno regni nostri tercio-decimo. *Then the King inspeeth another Charter of King Henry the third.* Nos autem concessionem super dictis libertatibus, præfatis Civibus nostris *Norwici* factas, ratas habentes & gratas, eas pro nobis & hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est concedimus & confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus —. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium] xxvii^o die Maii. *Chart. 13. Edw. 1. m. 28.*

(t) Quicumque vel nos suprascripti Dux *Guelfo* & Comitissa *Matilda* vel nostri hæredes, aut quælibet nostræ potestatis magna parvaque persona, hujus concessionis & restitutionis violator extiterit, libras auri centum componat supradictis Civibus & Suburbanis illorumque hæredibus —. *In a Charter of Guelfo Duke of Este made to the Citizens of Mantua, Dated 5 Kal. Julii AD 1090. Antichità Estensi di Lod. Muratori, p 281.*

(u) Pro Burgenſibus villæ de Lyme in Comitatu Dorſetæ. Rex eiſdem [viz Archiepiſcopis &c] ſalutem. Sciatis nos conceſſiſſe & hac carta noſtra confirmaſſe, dilectis nobis Burgenſibus noſtris villæ noſtræ de Lyme in Comitatu Dorſetæ, dictam villam de Lyme; Habendum & tenendum ſibi hæredibus & Succeſſoribus ſuis Burgenſibus Villæ prædictæ, cum libertatibus, liberis conſuetudinibus, & omnibus aliis ad eandem villam ſpectantibus, de nobis & hæredibus noſtris ad feodi firmam; Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus noſtris per annum ad Scaccarium noſtrum triginta & duas marcas; unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium noſtrum ſancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium noſtrum Paſchæ imperpetuum. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris, quod prædicti Burgenſes habeant & teneant villam prædictam, ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis prædictis, cum Libertatibus, liberis conſuetudinibus, & omnibus aliis pertinentiis ſuis, de nobis & hæredibus noſtris, ad feodi firmam; Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus noſtris, per annum ad Scaccarium noſtrum triginta & duas marcas, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium noſtrum ſancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium noſtrum Paſchæ imperpetuum, ſicut prædictum eſt. Hiis teſtibus, Venerabilibus patribus W Archiepiſcopo Ebor. Angliæ primæ Theſaurario noſtro, J Wyntonienſi Epifcopo Cancellario noſtro, R Epifcopo Sar., Johanne de Eltham Comite Cornubiæ fratre noſtro cariffimo, Henrico Comite Lancaſtriæ, Willelmo de Clynton, Radulpho de Nevill Senefcallo Hoſpitii noſtri, & aliis. Data per manum noſtram apud Croyndon xxv^o die Februarii. Per Conſilium. *Originale 5 Edw.*
3. *Rot.* 25.

(w) Dorſeta. Feodi firma Villæ Dorceſtriæ, ad xxi per annum; Habendum a xxvi die Junii anno xi Regis Edwardi tertii, eiſdem Burgenſibus hæredibus & ſucceſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum—. *Paſ. Communia 21 Hen.*
7. *Rot.* 6. a.

(x) Rex eiſdem [viz Archiepiſcopis Epifcopis &c] ſalutem. Inſpeximus Cartam celebris memoriæ Domini H quondam Regis Angliæ proavi noſtri, tunc Hominibus de Aundeure factam in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ — ſalutem. Sciatis nos conceſſiſſe & hac carta noſtra confirmaſſe Hominibus de Aundeure, quod habeant Gildam Mercator[iam] in Aundeure, & quod ſint quieti de theloneo, & paſſagio, & conſuetudine, per totam terram noſtram ſicut Cives Wynton[iæ] qui ſunt de Gilda Mercatorum ſunt quieti; & ſuper hoc nullus eos iniuſte diſturbet pro conſuetudine, ſuper decem libras forisfacturæ, ſicut Cartæ H Regis avi noſtri, & R Regis avunculi noſtri, & Domini J Regis patris noſtri, quas inde habent, rationabiliter teſtantur. Hiis teſtibus, Huberto

de Burgo Comite Kanciæ Juſticiario Angliæ —. Datum per manum Venerabilis patris Radulfi Ciceſtrenſis Epifcopi Cancellarii, noſtri apud Weſtm[onaſterium], quintodecimo die Februarii anno regni noſtri duodecimo. Nos autem conceſſionem & confirmationem prædictas ratas habentes & gratas, eas pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris quantum in nobis eſt acceptamus & ratificamus, eaſque nunc Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Aundeure, & eorum hæredibus & ſucceſſoribus concedimus & confirmamus —. Hiis Teſtibus —. Datum per manum Regis apud Weſtm[onaſterium] xxiii^o die Novembris. *Chart.* 29 *Edw.* 3. m. 3.

(y) Rex Archiepiſcopis Epifcopis &c ſalutem. Sciatis quod cum Villa noſtra Suthampton[iæ] adeo prope coſteras maris ſituata exiſtat —; de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, & ex mero motu & certa ſcientia noſtris, conceſſimus & hac præſenti carta noſtra confirmavimus, pro nobis hæredibus & Succeſſoribus noſtris, præfatis Burgenſibus, ac eorum hæredibus & Succeſſoribus Burgenſibus villæ prædictæ imperpetuum, libertates franchiſias quietancias & immunitates ſubſcriptas, videlicet quod villa illa de uno Majore duobus Ballivis & Burgenſibus ſit imperpetuum corporata, & quod iidem Major Ballivi & Burgenſes & Succeſſores ſui Majores Ballivi & Burgenſes Villæ illius ſic corporatæ, ſint una Communitas perpetua corporata, in re & nomine, per nomen Majoris Ballivorum & Burgenſium villæ illius, habeantque ſucceſſionem perpetuam. Et quod iidem Major Ballivi & Burgenſes & Succeſſores ſui prædicti, per idem nomen ſint perſonæ habiles in lege, ad omnimoda placita ſectas querelas & demandas, necnon actiones reales perſonales & mixtas, motas ſeu movendas in quibuſcumque Curiis noſtris vel hæredum noſtrorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque, tam coram nobis & hæredibus noſtris, quam coram quibuſcumque Juſticiariis & Judicibus ſpiritualibus & ſecularibus proſequend[as] & defendend[as], & quod in eiſdem placitare poſſint & placitari, reſpondere & reſponderi. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia noſtra conceſſimus, pro nobis hæredibus & Succeſſoribus noſtris, eiſdem majori Ballivis & Burgenſibus villæ prædictæ ſic corporatæ, & Succeſſoribus ſuis prædictis, quod ipſi ſimiliter ſint perſonæ habiles & capaces in lege, ad perquirend[um] terras tenementa redditus ſervicia & poſſeſſiones, infra villam ſuburb[ia] & procinct[um] prædicta & alibi; Habenda & tenenda ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum; Statuto de terris & tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut aliqua alia ordinatione vel Statuto ante hæc tempora in contrarium edit[o] non obſtant[e]. Conceſſimus eciam — *ſeveral other Liberties*. Hiis Teſtibus —. Dat[um] per manum Regis apud Weſtm[onaſterium], xxix^o die Julii. *Chart.* 22 *Hen.* 6. m. 25.

CH A P. to them and their Successors. This is a point so well known, that I need not give S E C T.
II. instances thereof. XII. XIII.

To return thither, from whence I have digressed. As in the early times, the Grants of Possessions or Liberties made to incorporated Towns, were commonly made to them and their heirs: So also in the same ages, the Grants made to Towns or aggregate Bodies of men not-incorporated, were usually made to them and their heirs, after a like manner. I have already produced instance sof this latter in competent number in this Chapter (z). Let me add, that the Great Charter of Liberties made by K Henry III to the Body of the People of England, ran in the same form (a). XIV. XV.

XIII. There was also a Perpetual Succession in Single persons. The Custody of the Hospital of St. James in Westminster was granted by K Henry III to Philipp Luvel then the Kings Treasurer, and to his Successours Treasurers of the Exchequer (b).

XIV. In the eighth year of K Henry IV, the Chancellor of the University of Cambridg and his Successors, and their Vicegerents severally and in solidum, stand charged to the King with x^l a-year, for the Custody of the Assise of bread and beer, and for other profits hereunder mentioned; which they Held to them the said Chancellor and his Successors for ever (c). The Chancellor of the said University and his Successors are charged in like manner in the Fifteenth year of K Henry VI (d).

XV. To the foregoing instances may be added, Rectors of Parishes, Churchwardens, and others. In the year of our Lord 1052, Pietro the Priest Di Lunigiana peti-

(z) Sect. 3, 4, & seqq.

(a) Concessimus etiam & dedimus omnibus liberis Hominibus regni nostri, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris imperpetuum has libertates subscriptas, Habend[as] & tenend[as] eis & hæredibus suis, de nobis & hæredibus nostris imperpetuum. Magna Charta Regis Henrici III de Libertatibus Angliæ, Inspecta & Confirmata per Literas Patentes R Edwardi I, datas 28 die Martii anno regni 28^o. Literæ illæ patentes Regis E I reconduntur in archivo Ecclesiæ Collegiæ S Petri Westmonasterii.

(b) Philippus Luvel Thesaurarius Regis habet custodiam Hospitalis Sancti Jacobi Westmonasterii, per breve Regis, in quo continetur quod Rex concessit eidem Philippo & Successoribus suis Thesaurariis Scaccarii custodiam prædicti Hospitalis imperpetuum. Mag. Rot. 37 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia m. 2. dorso.

Thesaurarius habet custodiam Hospitalis Sancti Jacobi extra Westmonasterium imperpetuum, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv & in Rotulo xxxvi Regis H. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a. viz. in Rotulo Principali.

(c) Cancellar[ius] universitatis Cant[ebri]giæ, & successores sui & eorum vicem gerentes, soli & in solidum, debent x^l per annum, de custodia assisæ panis & cervisiæ, ac correctione & punitione ejusdem, cum omnibus finibus & amerciamentis & aliis proficuis inde provenientibus, ac etiam custodia assisæ & assisæ ac supervisu mensurarum & ponderum in dicta villa Cant[ebri]gia & in suburbiis ejusdem, Ita quod quiscunque Cancellar[ius] dictæ Universitatis qui pro tempore fuerit ibidem, vel ejus vicem gerens, quociens opus

fuerit dicta mensuras & pondera supervideat, & ea quæ falsa invenerit comburi & destrui faciat, & alia legalia & justa deputer & consignari faciat, necnon transgressores quos in hac parte invenerit debite puniat & castiget, & prædicti Cancellar[ius] & successores sui & eorum vicem gerentes imperpetuum, soli & in solidum habeant potestatem inquirendi & cognoscendi de Forstallaribus & regratoribus, & de carnibus [&] piscibus tam putridis viciosis & aliis incompetentibus in dicta villa Cant[ebri]gia & suburbiis ejusdem, quam aliis, & super hoc debitam punitionem faciendi, ac gubernationem correctionem & punitionem præmissorum, & aliorum victualium quorumcunque, simul cum omnibus finibus & amerciamentis forisfacturis & aliis proficuis inde provenientibus, Habend[um] a xvii die Februarii anno quinto Regis Ricardi secundi, sibi & successoribus suis imperpetuum, Reddendo inde per annum Regi & hæredibus Regis dictas decem libras ad terminos Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto Regis Ricardi secundi. De quibus Homines Cant[ebri]giæ respondent in dorso Rotuli. Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. in Cant. Hunt. m. 1. a.

Cancellarius Universitatis Cant[ebri]giæ & successores sui — de custodia assisæ panis & cervisiæ, ac correctione & punitione ejusdem, cum omnibus finibus & amerciamentis & aliis proficuis inde —, ac custodia assisæ & assisæ ac supervisu mensurarum & ponderum in dicta villa Cant[ebri]giæ & suburbiis ejusdem —. Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. Item Cant. & Hunt. m. 1. a.

(d) Cancellarius Universitatis Cant[ebri]giæ, & successores sui, & eorum vicem gerentes, soli & in solidum, debent x^l per annum,

CH A P. petitioned to *Wido* Marquis of *Este* in *Italy*, to assign to him (the Priest) and S E C T. XV.
 II. his Successors a certain Part of the Church of *Santo Venerio* in the Isle of *Tiro*,

namely the Marquises Portion accruing in the Forest of *Aciliano* &c, which Portion belonged to *Pietro* the Priest and his Successors (e). In or about the reign of *John*, King of *England*, *John Marsh* Rectour of the Church of *Brerding* granted Land to *James Curci* and his heirs, To hold of him the said Rectour and his Successours Rectours of *Brerding*, Rendring to him and his said Successours a yearly Rent (f). In the reign of *K Henry III*, the Abbots of *Thorneton* and of *Neubouse* and the Priour of *Thorneton* were delegated by Pope *Honorius III* to Hear and Determine a Cause between the Priest and Vicar and Patrons of the Church of *Edolberg*, and one *Clement de Edolberg*, who held certain Land which was claimed by the Priest. By vertue of the Papal Delegation they Heard the Cause, and determined it, partly by Sentence and partly by Accord, in this manner namely, that *Clement* and his heirs should hold the Land in question of *G de Innocentibus* then Parson of the said Church and his Successours by hereditary right, Yielding to the Parson and his Successours the Rent hereunder mentioned (g). In the reign of *K Henry*

num, de custodia assisæ panis & cervisiæ, correctione [&] punitione ejusdem cum omnibus finibus & amerciamentis —. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. Cant. Hunt. m. 1. a.*

(e) — Peto ego *Petro* Presbiter ad pars Ecclesiæ Sancti Veneri, quæ est posita & ædificata in Insula *Tiro* infra mare, una cum meis subcessores, ad vos *Donno Wido* Marchio, filio b m *Alberti* —, vel ad vestros hæredes, uti mihi qui supra *Petro* Presbiter una cum meis subcessores ad pars ipsius Ecclesiæ locare jubeatis, hoc est vestra portio de res de foresto quæ nominatur *Aciliano*, *Panicalia*, *Vezano*, & sic per fines da una parte per mare, & da alia parte per *Perki* —. *Antichità Estensi, auctore Ludovico Muratorio viro Clariss. p 237.*

(f) *Form. Anglic. Formula 522.*

(g) Omnibus Christi fidelibus præsentibus Litteras visuris vel auditoris, De *Torneton* & de *Neuus Abbates* & *Prior de Torneton* salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos Mandatum Domini Papæ in hæc verba suscepisse. *HONORIUS* Episcopus servus servorum Dei, Dilectis filiis de *Torneton* & de *Neuus Abbatibus*, & *Priori de Torneton*, *Lincolniensis Diocesis*, salutem & Apostolicam Benedictionem. *G Presbiter de Innocentibus* nobis conquerendo monstravit, quod *Abbas* & *Conventus de Bardenaia* & quidam alii *Lincolniensis diocesis*, super quadam terra & rebus aliis injuriantur eidem: Ideoque discretionis vestræ per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus partibus convocatis audiat causam & Appellatione remota sine debito terminetis, facientes quod decreveritis per censuram Ecclesiasticam firmiter observari. Testes autem qui fuerint nominati, si se gratia odio vel timore subtraxerint, per distractionem eandem cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse, duo vestrum ea nichilominus exequantur. Datum Laterani v Kalendarum Maii Pontificatus nostri anno Primo. Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, quidam vir de *Witebir* Parochianus de *Edulfberg* *Clemens* nomine, qui unam virgatam terræ & dimidiam in territorio de

Edulfberg ad Ecclesiam ejusdem Villæ pertinentem diu injuste detinuerat, in Jus coram nobis vocatus, & a prædicto *G de Innocentibus* Persona Ecclesiæ de *Edolberg* super injusta detentione prædictæ terræ conventus in jure, Confessus est eandem terram de jure ad eandem Ecclesiam de *Edulfberg* pertinere; Ita tamen quod ipse & hæredes sui eam tenere debeant sub annuo censu jure hæreditario de dicta Ecclesia; Hac de ratione, quia prædecessores uxoris suæ ab antiquis retroactis temporibus dictam terram jure hæreditario, per concessionem Personarum ejusdem Ecclesiæ, sub annuo censu tenuerant de eadem Ecclesia. Nos igitur dicti *Clementis* confessionem coram nobis in Jure factam, & simplicem Personarum Ecclesiæ concessionem juri Ecclesiæ in perpetuum præjudicare non debere, validasque partis Agentis rationes ad hoc allegatas plenius attendentes, prædictam terram prædictæ Ecclesiæ sententialiter adjudicamus. Verum quia cum confessio micus est agendum, prædictum *G de Innocentibus* Personam dictæ Ecclesiæ ad hoc induximus, quod de concensu *Mathæi Abbatis* & *Conventus de Bardenaia* Patronorum ejusdem Ecclesiæ, & *Simonis de Hornecastria* perpetui Vicarii, concessit prædicto *Clementi* & hæredibus suis totam præfatam terram, jure hæreditario tenendam de se & Successoribus suis; Reddendo inde annuatim sibi & Successoribus suis Octo solidos, scilicet ad festum Sancti *Johannis Baptistæ* duos solidos, Ad festum Sancti *Michaëlis* duos solidos. Ad festum Sancti *Thomæ Apostoli* duos solidos, & ad *Annunciationem beatæ Mariæ* duos solidos. Et ut rata & illibata permaneant in perpetuum, præsentem paginam Sigillis nostris duximus roborandam, cum Sigillis *Abbatis* & *Conventus de Bardenaia* Patronorum ejusdem Ecclesiæ, & cum Sigillis *G de Innocentibus* Personæ & *S de Hornecastria* perpetui Vicarii. Hiis Testibus Magistro *Johanne de Hicestowe*, *R de Calwell Decano*, *R de Tineton* Persona, Magistro *W de Tinoton* Officiali *Archidiaconi Bugkingham[iæ]*, *R de Muresle Decano*, *Roberto Summonitore*, & aliis. Scriptum autographum extat in *Thesauraria Curie* Augmentationum. Habetque literas *CYROGRAPHVM*

CHAP. K Henry III, *Nicolas Fitz-Bernard* by a Deed under his Seal, granted and rendred S E C T. to God and the Church of *St. Marie of Eddolbesbury*, and to the Rectors of That XV. XVI.

Church, a Pasture in the *Friperie* and the *Septmede* for one Beast of the Rector, instead of the Tythe rightfully belonging to the said Church in the said Places. *Nicolas* and his heirs were to Warant the said Grant and Render to the said Church and the Rectors of It against all Men for ever (b). In the reign of K *Edward I*, *Hugh de Sapy* Lord of *Sapy* gave unto God and the Church of *Wolfreslowe*, and to *Gilbert Hathewy* Rector of the said Church and his Successours in Frankalmoigne the Grove called *la Heth*, to hold of him the said *Hugh* and his heirs to the said *Gilbert* and his Successours (i). King *Edward IV* by his Charter granted and confirmed privileges and immunities to the Clergy of *England* and *Wales*, to wit, To the Archbishops and Bishops and to all and singular Prelates Abbots Priours Deans Archdeacons Officials Commissaries Rectors Vicars and their Successours (k). In the reign of K *Henry VIII*, *Scholastica Esterfyld* by her Last Will gave the Parson of the Parish-church of *St Werburg* in *London* for the time being, four pence a-year for ever, to be paid by the Proctors of the same Church (l). In the same Kings reign, *Wynkyn de Worde* gave a sum of money to the Parish-church of *St. Bride* in *London*, to buy Land therewith, to the intent to keep a perpetual Obite for his Soul (m). For the rest, other instances of this matter may be supplied out of printed books.

It is true the Common-Lawyers of *England* have been used to speak of Parsons, Vicars, and even Wardens of Parish-churches, as Corporate-bodies. Sire *Thomas Littelton* speaketh after That manner (n). But I do humbly apprehend, that the reason thereof is, because Parsons, Vicars, or Church-wardens, have a Perpetual Succession, like as Politick bodies have; and therefore, that this way of speaking of them as of Corporate-bodies is founded rather upon Resemblance than Reality.

XVI. The Dean of *Rouen* in *Normandy* was deemed a Person Distinct from the Chapter of That Church. He had a separate Endowment and a separate Succession. His Case was this. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, the Dean of *Rouen* in *Normandy* was attached for himself and his Chapter, to answer *Robert de Henneye*, in a plea that he render to him Lxi / xs, which the said Dean and Chapter owed to him the said *Robert*. The Dean comes and Pleads, that he is a distinct person from the Chapter of *Rouen*, and hath his separate Benefices and tenements. And in regard the Chapter was not summoned nor hath Day in Court, he prayeth the plaintiffs

ROGRAPHVM in modum dentium per-
fectas. Supersunt lemnisci membranacei Sex, Si-
gilla tantum duo.

(b) Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego
Nicholaus filius Bernardi de Eddolbesburia,
intuitu Dei concessi & reddidi Deo & Eccle-
siæ sanctæ Mariæ ejusdem Villæ & ejus Re-
ctoribus, pasturam infra le Friperie & infra le
Septmede ad unum Averium ipsius nomine
Decimæ spectantis ad prædictam Ecclesiam de
jure in locis prædictis. Et ego Nicholaus &
hæredes mei warantizabimus prædictam con-
cessionem & redditionem prædictis Ecclesiæ
& ejus Rectoribus contra omnes gentes in per-
petuum. Et ut hæc mea concessio reddicio
warantizatio firma sit & stabilis huic scripto
Sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Do-
mino Willelmo Ruffel Milite, Domino Hugo-
ne Capellano (with six others), & multis aliis.
Ex autographo in Thesauraria Curie augmenta-
tionum.

(i) *Formulare Anglic.* p 260. Formula 445.

(k) — dedimus & concessimus, ac pro no-
bis hæredibus & successoribus nostris præsentis
Carta nostra confirmavimus, Venerabilibus
patribus Thomæ Cantuariensi & Willelmo E-
bor[acensi] Archiepiscopis, Thomæ Londo-
nienfi, and to the other Bishops —, universisque
ac singulis Prælatibus, Abbatibus Prioribus, De-
canis Archidiaconis, Officialibus Commissariis,

Rectoribus Vicariis, & eorum successoribus—,
præsentibus & futuris, ubique infra regnum
nostrum Angliæ & partes Walliæ commoran-
tibus —. *Rymeri Fœdera* Tom. II. p 493, &
seq. ad ann. 2 Edw. 4.

(l) Item I be queyth my Palle of Blake
Welvett un to the Church of Seynt Warbo-
rowe, to the intent that the Proctors of the
same Church for the tyme, schal yerely for
ever pay to the parson of the said Church of
seynt Warborowe for the tyme beyng, iiij d a
yere, for my name to be had in the bederoll
ther contynually to be prayd for —. *Trin.*
Communia 13 Hen. 8. Rot. 12. a.

(m) Primo die Februarii anno primo regni
Regis Edwardi vi. The Cytte of London
and County of Middelfex, [This is the Title of
the Certificate or Survey of Colleges Chuntries O-
bits &c.] Yet the Citie of London. The pa-
roche of St Brides in Fleetstret. Wynkyn de
Worde, deceased xii yeres past, willed and
gave to the sayde Church in Money to by
landes with the same, and with the proffittes
therof to kepe an obite for his Soule for e-
ver, xxxvijl. Taken out of the said Certificate
of Chuntries &c. in London and Midd. in the
Office of Augmentations.

(n) — come de Prelates, Abbots, Pryors,
Deanes, Parsons desglise, ou de auters corps
politike &c. *Litt. Tenures*, sect. 413.

CH A P tifs Writ may abate. The Court adjudgeth that the Writ is insufficient (o).

S E C T.
XVII.

II.

XVII. It hath been said by Lawyers, *That Cities are Immortal*. A Gentleman learned in the Common Law of *England* citeth *Grotius* (amongst others) to prove it (p). But *Grotius* or others who say this are to be understood in a qualified sense. Not simply and absolutely, as if a *Civitas* or other *Universitas* (as the *Civilians* speak) could not possibly be destroyed or dissolved. Cities are Immortal, that is, they are capable of having, and may in fact have Perpetual Duration or Succession. But if any man will therefore assert, that a City or Town is simply and absolutely immortal (or not capable of Dissolution), he will insensibly slide into error (q). In fact, Cities or Towns have been destroyed and brought to nought, by War or other Great Fatality. Of which there have been Proofs or instances in several Countreys. And it must be confessed, that if a City or Town comes to be stript of all its inhabitants, the Succession thereof is at an end whilst it continueth in That state, let Learned men discourse never so finely to prove its Immortality. But the words of *Grotius* ought to have been cited entire. He saith the same thing that I do. *Cities, saith he, are Immortal; that is, may be*

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(o) Suhamt[escira]. Decanus Rotomagen[sis] attachatus fuit ad respondendum, pro se & Capitulo suo, Roberto de Henneye, de placito quod reddat ei Lxi / xs quos iidem Decanus & Capitulum ei debent, de quibusdam bonis & catallis ipsius Roberti quæ remanserunt in Manerio ipsorum Decani & Capituli de Kyngesclere, in manu Domini E Patris Regis E nunc in custodia ejusdem Roberti, ex commissione dicti Patris, ratione guerræ inter ipsum Patrem & Regem Franciæ dudum habitæ existente, & quæ ad commodum ipsorum Decani & Capituli devenerunt, & quos ei injuste detinet, ad dampnum suum &c.

Et prædictus Decanus venit per Attornatum suum. Et petiit auditionem dicti brevis. Quo audito, dicit quod non tenetur ad istud breve respondere sine prædicto Capitulo, maxime cum dictum breve vult in se, quod prædicta bona devenerunt tam ad manus prædicti Capituli, quam ad manus ipsius Decani, pro quo quidem Capitulo idem Decanus non tenetur respondere, eo quod habet beneficia & tenementa sua per se separabilia, Ita quod ad quodlibet breve tenetur pro seipso respondere; & desicut idem Capitulum nullum diem habet hic ad præsens per prædictum breve, dictus Decanus petit judicium de brevi. Ideo cons[ideratum est], quod dictus Robertus nichil capiat per istud breve, set sit in misericordia pro falso clamore; Et dictus Decanus eat inde sine die. Et dictum est prædicto Roberto quod perquirat sibi melius breve, si sibi viderit expedire &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 58. a.*

In the reign of Q Elizabeth, the Court of Common Bench seem to give their opinion a different Turn, in the case of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln; Cokes Reports, Part 3, fol. 60. a.

(p) But now, My Lord, that it is not in its own nature forfeitable, is made plain by all those qualifications that have been attributed to it, and expressions in our Law-Books about it: As that a Mayor and Commonalty or Body Corporate, can never die. 1st Inst. fol. 9. b; 3 Coke 60. a; 2 Bullstr 233; 21

Edw. 4. fol. 13. A Mayor and all the Officers [may die]; but the Commonalty have succession in perpetuum, and can never be said to die: And this notion, my Lord, has gone further than England: I beg your Lordshipps pardon if I take the Liberty to cite a very Learned Author, *Grotius*, in his Book de jure Belli & Pacis, lib. 2. cap. 9. He says Cities are immortal; and a City does not therefore cease to be a City, tho' all the Citizens of it should die. Sir George Trebys *Argument in the Proceedings upon a Writ of Quo Warranto brought against the City of London, anno 33 Car. 2. Printed at London 1690, page 4.*

(q) Take into Consideration the case of the Priory of Canwell in Staffordshire, as it is stated in Sir Francis Moores Reports, p 282, 283. It may be true, that whilst any of the Monks of Canwell were living, the Priory was not compleatly taken-away by the Popes Bull and K Henry the Eighths Patent-Letter of Assent, but did to some purposes subsist. However that matter might be in the reign of Q Elizabeth (when the case reported by Sir Francis Moore was agitated), it would be strange to hear any man allege at this day, that the Priory of Canwell is now subsisting and not dissolved. In the arguing of That case, somebody made an Objection as if the Priory in its temporal capacity was not or could not be dissolved. Sir Francis Moore and Brograve were of opinion against That Objection. The topick of the Immortality of Corporate Communities, if managed by a subtle person, may do great exploits. By It one may go a great length towards reviving the Religious Houses of England; which have for many years been thought to be effectually dissolved. For example. The House of the Knights Templars in England was dissolved and their Order There abolished by Papal Bull, and Royal Edict or Permission. Their House was never-since (for ought I know) deemed Immortal and indissoluble. For several ages past it hath been taken for granted both in England and other Countries, that their House is entirely dissolved and their Order extinguished.

CHAP. 50 (r). And other *Civilians* do also admitt or suppose, that a City may die or S E C T.
 II. perish several ways; to wit, When it is *damnata ad aratrum*, condemned by Im- XVII.
 perial edict to be plowed-up, When it perisheth *alluvione vel chasmate*, by Inun-

dation or *Earthquake*, If it is put in a *Perpetual Bann*, If it is deserted by its Inhabitants, with intent never to return unto it, Or when it is wholly destroyed by Fire or otherwise, without hope of being rebuilt or repaired (s). And it is supposed, that the Cities of *Troy* and *Carthage* have been actually destroyed and desolated (t). Let us therefore pause awhile and give this Maxime of the Immortality of Cities another Turn or Construction. This Maxime hath been admitted by Law-givers upon an equitable reason, to wit, in favour of Societies. Towns and other Lawful Communities are by all means to be supported and kept-up. And upon That ground it is also said in the Civil Law, That Three persons make a College (u), and one is sufficient to retain or keep it up (w).

The Summ is this. The Perpetual Duration of a City or Town doth not absolutely depend upon its being a *Corpus corporatum*. A City or Town not-corporated is capable of Perpetual duration or succession, for the same natural or intrinsic reason as one that is incorporated. For example. The Town or City of *Westminster* is immortal like as the City of *London*; and would be equally So, if it was as full of Inhabitants (x). A Town, as long as it continueth inhabited, hath a Succession. And when any Town hapneth to be entirely destroyed and dispeopled, then its Succession is at an end, whether it be Corporate or not Corporate. Indeed there

(r) Dixit Isocrates, & post eum Julianus Imperator, civitates esse immortales, id est, esse posse. *Grot. de jure Belli & Pacis* L. 2. c. 9. sect. 3.

(s) Sed ex parte Civitatis exponitur in perpetuum, id est usque ad vitam civitatis. Nam civitas mori potest; si auctoritate superioris damnetur ad aratrum. Item si pereat alluvione vel chasmate. Item si fuerit posita civitas in banno æternali Imperatoris—. Item destruitur civitas, si homines inde eo proposito decedant, ne eo amplius revertantur. Item si incendio deusta sit, vel aliquo casu in totum corruerit sine spe reparationis; sed si cum spe reparationis, durat civitas habitu—. His itaque casibus privilegia aut delentur; aut in suspenso retinentur. Nam si est perpetuo desolata civitas, privilegia ejus remonentur—. At vero si spes est reparationis, beneficium non deletur. &c. *Traктatus de pace Constan. gl. Nos Romanorum.*

(t) Item si non licet contra decuriones civitatis ferre sententiam mortis, principe inconsulto, multo minus licebit contra civitatem, sicut *Troia* & *Carthago* passæ sunt aratrum, excepto ejus qui tenebat Imperium. *Ibid. gl. Rebellando. col. 4.*

And in a Charter of Odo Duke of Burgundie dated in the year of our Lord 1196, it is supposed that the Communia or Community of the Town of *Diion* in Burgundie might be dissolved. Donavi etiam eis & bona fide concessi, quod si communia [Divionis] aliquando, quod absit, dissolveretur, mihi vel hæredibus meis non liceret dictam punitionem retinere, vel in consuetudinem protrahere. *Recueil pour l'histoire de Bourgogne, par Perard, p 338.*

(u) Neratius Priscus tres facere existimat collegium; & hoc magis sequendum est. *Dig. Lib. 50. tit. 16. De verborum signif. 85.*

Τρεῖς σύστημα ποιεῖσιν. *Basilicōn Tom. 1. L. 2. p 41 lin. 85.*

(w) Collegium tres homines constituunt, per unum vero retineri potest. *Dig. L 50. in gl. Neratius, 85.*

(x) After this manner Mankind may be said to be Immortal. In regard by the help of Marriage and Procreation they have a Perpetual διαδοχή or Succession; as Flame may by Touch and communication of Flame be in a sort perpetuated and rendred inextinguishable. This is finely expressed by *Dionysius Halicarnassensis*. — ἡ ὅτι θνητὸν ὂν γε τὸ ἀνθρώπειον, ἐν τῇς μίξεως καὶ κοινωνίας τῇ γάμῳ ἀθάνατον γέγονεν ἐν τῇς διαδοχῇ τῶν ἐπιγονομένων. ὥσπερ φῶς ἀναπτόμενον καὶ διαμείνον καὶ τοῖς ἐπιγονομένοις, τῇ γεννήσει τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, καὶ μήποτε ἀποσβευνόμενον. *Dionys. Halicarn. Clarissimi Hudsoni Tom. 2 p 64. lin. 40. sub titulo Μέθοδος γαμηλίων.*

After the like manner Successions to Inheritances are deemed Perpetual. A Fee or Inheritance in Land is conveyed to a man and his heirs forever. And the course of Descent of Land imitateth the Order of Nature. Which Order or Line descending standeth thus, to wit,

Pater.
 Filius.
 Nepos.
 Pronepos.
 Abnepos.
 Atnepos.
 Trinepos.
 Hujus Filius,
 Nepos,
 Pronepos; and so forward in infinitum.

Also by resemblance Perennity is attributed to Springs and Rivers, because they have a perpetual Succession of water. Μηδέ ποτ' ἀενάων ποταμῶν καλλιέροον ὕδωρ ποσὶ περᾶν —. *Hesiod. Lib. 2. v 355. editore Wintertono.* So *Callimachus*, Τοσάκι δ' ἀενάων ποταμῶν ἐπέροσας ἔκασον. *Callim. hymnus in Cererem, v 14. edit. Parisiis, 1675.* So *Ennius*, Confitere amneis perenneis, arbores vento vacant. *Ennii Fragmenta ex recensione Fran. Hesselii, p 168.* And

CH A P. there seemeth to have been this Difference between a Town-corporate and a Town S E C T.

II. Not-corporate, in point of Duration or Perpetual Succession. That is to say. A XVII.

~~~~~ Town Not-corporate had Succession only as an Aggregate Body or Community, XVIII.  
or if you please as one generation succeedeth another (y). This might be called a Natural Succession. On the other part, a Town-corporate had Succession as an Aggregate Body or Community too; but as a Community modified, or putt into a particular Form; it had Succession under a special Denomination, suppose of Mayor or Bailiffs and Community, Mayor Jurates and Community, or the like. And this was a complex kind of Succession, to wit both Natural and Artificial. I have spoken the more largely on this head, for the sake of Students; that they be not ledd into error by misunderstanding a Proposition, which is true if it be fairly stated and rightly understood. For, I perceive, this hypothesis of the absolute Immortality of Cities or Communities, being countenanced by Great Mens names, is creeping into the Books of the *Common Law* (z), and other Books (a). It is likely I may hereafter, in a future Work, enquire, whether a Royal Charter of Incorporation hath in it so singular a vertue, as to make a Society of Mortal men, Immortal Invisible and Incorporeal.

XVIII. In the case of a Mayor who was Presentable, I think the Rule was this. After such person was chosen Mayor, he could not legally enter upon the execution of his office, untill he had been Presented to the King, or to some person or persons on the kings behalf, and upon such Presentation was approved and accepted by the King, or by a proper officer or officers *vice Regis*. In the Twentieth year of K *Edward I*, *Henry Oweyn* was chosen Mayor of *Oxford* on *Michaelmas-day*. He executed That office from *Michaelmas* till Thursday next after *St Martin*; and Then he was presented at the Exchequer to be sworn to the King. But because he had acted as Mayor from the said *Michaelmas* to the said Thursday, before he was duely Sworn to the King, and the Community of *Oxford* had been intendant to him as Mayor during That time; The Court of Exchequer resolved, That *Henry* could not be and ought not to be deemed Mayor, before he had taken his Oath to the King; but that in this case he had occupied [or usurped] that office upon the King by his own authority; And therefore the Court adjudged, That the said *Henry* be in this case at the Kings Will. Afterwards, *Henry* made Fine by x marks for the said Trespass; And paid it. And because the Community of *Oxford* obeyed *Henry* as Mayor during the said time, before he was Sworn, in contempt of the King; the Court adjudged, That the said Mayoralty be taken into the Kings hand. And on the said Thursday [next after *St Martin*] the same was committed to *William de Bremeswhete*, Sherif of the County of *Oxford*, to be kept in the Kings behalf, during the Kings Pleasure; so that the said *William* shall Do and execute those things which pertain to the said office in the said Town, and shall answer to the King at his Exchequer for the issues of the said Mayoralty. The Court of Exchequer did also adjudg, That the whole Community [of *Oxford*] be in this case at the Kings Will. Afterwards they made Fine by xx marks. They had Day given them, to wit, the Morrow of *St. Andrew*, to Present their Mayor anew. At That Day they came, and presented the said Mayor [*Henry Oweyn*]. Who was Sworn To keep the said Town faithfully for the use of the King and his heirs. Day was given them to pay the said xx marks, to wit, at the Exchequer of *Easter* upon their Profer (b).

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so Horace, Rusticus expectat dum defluat amnis, at ille Labitur, & labetur in omne volubilis ævum. *Hor. Epist. L 1. Ep. 2. v 42*; and again, Collectosne bibant imbreis, puteosne perenneis Jugis aquæ —. *Hor. Epist. L 1. epist. 15. v 15. Et vide eruditissimi Bentleii in hunc versum Notas.*

(y) Item quia quod universale est non potest morte perire, sicut homo in genere non moritur. *Tractatus de pace Constan. Gl. Nos Romanorum, col. 2.*

(z) *Cokes Reports* (of Mr Chiltons edition), P 3, p 60 in the margin, in the case of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.

(a) *Bishop Burnets History of his own Time*, Vol. 1. p 533.

(b) De Majore & Communitate Oxoniæ a-merciatis.

Die Jovis proxima post Festum Sancti Martini anno &c xx, venerunt coram Baronibus de Scaccario Willelmus de Wottefdune, Thomas Sawy, & Walterus de Wycumbe, Burghenses Oxoniæ, & pro se & tota Communitate Villæ Oxoniæ, præsentaverunt Henricum Oweyn comburgensem suum, quem sibi elegerant in Majorem, ad faciendum sacramentum quod in officio Majoris Villæ prædictæ bene & fideliter se haberet, prout moris. Di-ctus



CHAP. II. In fine, the Burgesſes of *Oxford* rechoſe *Henry Oweyn* for their Mayor, and on the S E C T. morrow of *St Andrew* they preſented him to the Treafurer and Barons in humble XVIII. manner. *Henry Oweyn* was Sworn into his office of Mayor, at the Court of Exchequer. The Mayor and Commonalty had Day given them to pay the Fines impoſed on them reſpectively. Thereupon, a Writ iſſued out of the Exchequer, commanding the Sherif of *Oxfordſhire* to reſtore the Mayoralty of *Oxford*, which had been ſeiſed into the Kings hand, to the ſaid *Henry Oweyn* (c).

ctus igitur Henricus requiſitus quando electus fuit in Majorem; dixit, quod in feſto Sancti Michaelis proximo præterito. Requiſitus, ſi a prædicto feſto Sancti Michaelis uſque prædictum diem Jovis functus eſt officio Majoris in Villa prædicta, & ea quæ ad officium illud pertinent tanquam Major exercuit; dixit quod ſic. Præfati vero Willelmus Thomas & Walterus inde poſiti ad rationem, recognoverunt quod præfatus Henricus electus fuit in Majorem in prædicto feſto Sancti Michaelis, & quod a tempore illo uſque ad prædictum diem Jovis, tam ipſi quam tota Communitas Villæ Oxoniæ præfato Henrico tanquam Majori ſuo intenderunt; Et quod præfatus Henricus pro Majore ſe gerebat per tempus prædictum, antequam Domino Regi ſacramentum præſtitifſet de fideliter ſe habendo in officio illo, & Major eſſe non potuit nec dici debuit antequam hujusmodi ſacramentum feciſſet; per quod liquet quod officium illud ſuper Regem propria auctoritate occupavit. Ideo conſideratum eſt, quod idem Henricus ſit inde ad voluntatem Regis. Poſtea finem fecit per x marcas pro tranſgreſſione prædicta. De quibus conſeſſum eſt ei quod reddat unam medietatem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis. Poſtea ſolvit.

Et quia prædicta Communitas præfato Henrico tanquam Majori ſuo per tempus prædictum paruerunt, ſacramento prædicto nondum præſtito, in contemptum Domini Regis, Ideo conſideratum eſt, quod prædicta Majoritas capiatur in manum Regis. Et eodem die Jovis commiſſa eſt Willelmo de Bremſwete Vicecomiti, cuſtodienda nomine Regis quamdiu Regi placuerit; Ita quod ipſe faciat & exerceat ea quæ ad officium illud pertinent in Villa prædicta, & quod de exitibus inde provenientes Regi respondeat ad Scaccarium; Et quod tota Communitas ſit inde ad voluntatem Regis. Poſtea finem fecerunt per xx marcas. Et habent diem in Craſtino Sancti Andreae, ad Majorem ſuum de novo præſentandum. Ad quem diem venerunt, & præſentaverunt Majorem prædictum; qui præſtitit ſacramentum de prædicta Villa fideliter cuſtodienda ad opus Regis & hæredum ſuorum. Et conſeſſum eſt eis quod reddant prædictas xx marcas ad Scaccarium Paſchæ ſuper puroſſum ſuum. *Mich. Communia* 21 *incipiente* 22 *Edw. 1. Rot. 5. a.*

(c) Præſentatio Majoris Oxoniæ.

Burgenſes & tota Communitas Villæ Oxoniæ, qui habuerunt diem in Craſtino Sancti Andreae ad præſentandum Majorem ſuum coram Theſaurario & Baronibus, ſicut contine-

tur alibi, inter Communia de hoc Termino, videlicet in ſexto Rotulo præcedenti infra eodem Craſtino, præſentaverunt Henricum Oweyn Majorem ſuum, ad faciendum quod ad Officium pertinet Majoris in Villa prædicta, per Litteram ſuam ſigillo Communitatis prædictæ Villæ ſigillatam, & Theſaurario directam in forma ſubſcripta. Qui quidem Henricus admiſſus eſt eodem die ad officium Majoritatis prædictæ, & eodem die præſtitit ſacramentum coram Baronibus de fideliter faciendo &c.

Magiſtro W de Marchia Regis Theſaurario, per Burgenſes Oxoniæ.

Reverendæ diſcrecionis Viro Magiſtro W de Marchia Domini Regis Theſaurario, tota Communitas Burgenſium Oxoniæ ſalutem cum omni reverentia & honore. De gratia & Curialitate veſtra dulciſſima, tam Henricum Oweyn Conburgenſem noſtrum, quem nuper coram vobis & coram Baronibus de Scaccario Domini Regis, ſecundum libertates & cartas Regum Angliæ nobis & hæredibus noſtris præconceſſas, tanquam Majorem noſtrum præſentavimus, quam nobis omnibus per vos collata, graciaram actiones vobis inferimus infinitas; Dominacioni veſtræ ſupplicantes humiliter & devote, quatinus eundem Henricum in Majorem noſtrum ex Comuni aſſenſu & conſenſu tocius Communitatis noſtræ iterato electum, ad officium illud ſi placet admittere dignemini. Valeat Dominacio veſtra &c.

Oxonia. Breve emiſſum Vicecomiti, pro Libertate ejuſdem Villæ reſtituenda.

Rex Vicecomiti Oxoniæ ſalutem. Scias quod per finem x marcarum, quem Henricus Oweyn fecit nobiſcum, perdonavimus eidem Henrico tranſgreſſionem quam nobis fecit, gerendo ſe pro Majore Oxoniæ, & ea quæ ad officium pertinent tanquam Major exercendo, a feſto Sancti Michaelis proximo præterito, uſque diem Jovis proximum poſt feſtum ſancti Martini ſequens, antequam ſacramentum nobis præſtitifſet de fideliter ſe habendo in officio illo. Et per finem xx marcarum, quem Communitas dictæ Villæ Oxoniæ fecit nobiſcum, perdonavimus eidem Communitati tranſgreſſionem quam nobis fecit, intendendo eidem Henrico tanquam Majori ſuo per totum prædictum tempus, ſacramento hujusmodi nondum nobis præſtito, in noſtri contemptum manifeſtum. Et conſeſſimus tam eidem Henrico quam Communitati prædictæ, quod reddant nobis ad Scaccarium noſtrum prædictas triginta marcas, ad terminos quos eis dedimus. Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod Majoritatem prædictæ Villæ, quam nuper per præceptum noſtrum pro tranſgreſſionibus prædictis



CHAP. In *Michaelmas-term* in the Thirtyeighth year of K *Edward III*, the Bailifs and S E C T.  
 II. Community of *Winchester*, by an *Open Letter* under their Common Seal, dated XVIII.  
 the Twentyseventh day of September in the Thirtyseventh year of the King, signified to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, that they had chosen *Richard Wygge* their Fellow-citisen for Mayor of the said City, and did now Present him by *Thomas Huso* and *Nigell Atte Merfsh* their Comburgeffes, who prayed he might be admitted [to That office].

*Richard Wygge* being called in Court, in order to take the usual Oath, did not appear. The Court ordered that the City of *Winchester* be taken into the Kings hand. Hereupon the said Presenters prayed, for themselves and the rest of the Community, that by the favour of the Court a Day might be given them to bring the said *Richard Wygge* into Court, if they could find him, or else some other Comburgeffes whom they would choose *de novo* to execute the said Office. By assent of the Kings Council at the Exchequer, Day was given them, to wit, the Morrow of *All-Souls*, to bring hither the said *Richard* or some other person &c. *Richard* is ordered to be attached. The City is committed to the said *Thomas* and *Nigell*, and to *Laurence Andevere* and *Walter Coke*, to be kept to the Kings use. The said *Thomas Nigell Laurence* and *Walter* are commanded to attach *Richard*, so as to have him here on the said Day. Before That Day, namely the Tenth Day of October this Term, *Thomas Nigell Laurence* and *Walter* returned the said Writ directed to them, and that they had taken *Richard Wygge*, and now sent him hither. *Richard* came into the Exchequer under their custody, and was Sworn to keep the said Town faithfully to the use of the King and his Heirs. A Commission for that purpose was made to him out of the Exchequer. Whereupon the Town was delivered out of the Kings hand. The said *Thomas Nigell Laurence* and *Walter* restored the Kings Commission which had been made to them for the Custody of the Town. As to the cause of seising the Town, and the non-appearance of *Richard Wygge*, the Court will consider thereof before they proceed further. Afterwards, the Barons and others of the Kings Counsel considered of the Proceedings in this case. And in regard a Day was given to the said *Custodes* to bring the said *Richard* into Court, to wit, the Morrow of *All-Souls*; and the *Custodes* did bring him in before That Day; the King of his Grace pardoned the said Trespass and Contempt, if there was any (d).

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etis cepisti in manum nostram, eidem Henrico tanquam Majori ejusdem Villæ liberetis; Salvis nobis exitibus inde provenientibus, a tempore captionis ejusdem in manum nostram, usque primum diem Decembris proximo præteriti, ad quem diem idem Henricus per prædictam Communitatem præsentatus fuit coram Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario prædicto, & admissus ibidem ad officium Majoritatis prædictæ. Teste J de Cobham apud Westmonasterium, quarto die Decembris anno regni nostri xxi°. Per Rotulum Memorandorum ejusdem anni. *Mich. Communia* 21 *Edw. 1. Rot. 12. a. in bundello cui tit. 20* Et 21 *Edw. 1.*

(d) Suhamtonia. De Civitate Wyntonia capienda in manum Domini Regis pro defectu Majoris.

Memorandum quod Ballivi & tota Communitas Civitatis Wyntoniæ significarunt Thesaurario & Baronibus hic, per Literas suas patentes Sigillo communi Civitatis prædictæ signatas, & datas apud Wyntoniam xxvii° die Septembris anno xxxvii° Regis nunc, quæ sunt inter billas de hoc Termino, se elegisse Ricardum Wygge Concivem suum in Majorem Villæ prædictæ, præsentantes prædictum Ricardum per Thomam Huso & Nigellum Atte Merfsh Comburchenses suos; qui pecie-

runt eum admitti &c.

Et idem Ricardus super hoc vocatus pro sacramento suo præstando, non venit nec comparuit. Ideo concordatum est, quod dicta Civitas capiatur in manum Regis quousque &c. Et super hoc prædicti præsentatores petunt, pro se & aliis Civibus Civitatis prædictæ, de gratia Curiae, diem ad dictum Ricardum ducendum hic, si ipsum invenire poterint, ad faciendum quod &c, vel alium Comburchensem suum quem de novo eligere voluerint, ad officium prædictum exercendum; & ex assensu Consilii datus est eis dies in Crastinum Animarum, ad dictum Ricardum hic ducendum, vel alium si &c. Et quod prædictus Ricardus attach[ietur] &c. Et dicta Civitas committitur præfatis Thomæ & Nigello, ac Laurentio Andevere & Waltero Coke, custodienda ad opus Regis. Et mandatum est præfatis Thomæ Nigello Laurentio & Waltero, quod præfatum Ricardum attachient &c, Ita &c ad eundem diem. Ante quem diem, videlicet x° die Octobris hoc termino, prædicti Thomas Nigellus Laurentius & Walterus retornarunt breve sibi directum &c, & quod ceperunt præfatum Ricardum Wygge, & eum miserunt hic; & idem Ricardus venit sub eorum custodia, & præstitit sacramentum de fideliter custodiendo Villam prædictam ad opus Regis & hæredum suorum



CH A P. II. Let us briefly comment on the two Cases just above mentioned. May-be some men would say, The Town of *Oxford*, whilst it was thus without a Mayor, was in a state of Inactivity, a *corpus semimortuum*. As if an incorporated Town was like a piece of Clockwork; one peg or pin being lost or displaced, the whole machine is rendred useles: or, as if an incorporated Community, which is deemed Immortal, could, by the absence or want of a Mayor, be either put to death, or thrown into a trance. And may-be some men would say the same of the City of *Winchester*; which was also without a Mayor from the twentyseventh day of September, to the tenth day of October then next following. Let it therefore be enquired, whether the Towns of *Oxford* and *Winchester* were Unactive during the time of voidance of the respective Mayoralties. The answer is ready at hand. These two cases of *Oxford* and *Winchester* seem to overthrow the notion of Inactivity. And in both these cases it appeareth, that as soon as the respective Mayors were Sworn into their Office, the Towns were immediately restored to their Former state.

To what hath been said the following precedents may be added. The Corporate-Community of the Town of *Gippewic* was (in a sort) in abeyance, from the nineteenth year of K *Edward* I, to the twelfth year of K *Edward* II (e). And the incorporated Community of the Town of *Dunwich* was in a kind of suspense or abeyance, from the sixteenth year of K *Edward* I, to the Fifth year of K *Charles* I (f). In the Ninth year of K *Edward* II, the Citifens of *London*, by the name of *Aldermanni & quamplures Cives*, Presented their Mayor to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer. He was admitted; and Sworn to welbehave himself. Here the Citifens Presented their New Mayor in the absence of their Old Mayor; and for ought that appeareth, they Chose the Former in the absence of the Latter (g). In fine; I presume, no man who knows the precedents of Former ages, can believe, that it is destructive of the Being or Life of an incorporated City or Town, to be without a Mayor or Head-officer for a few days.

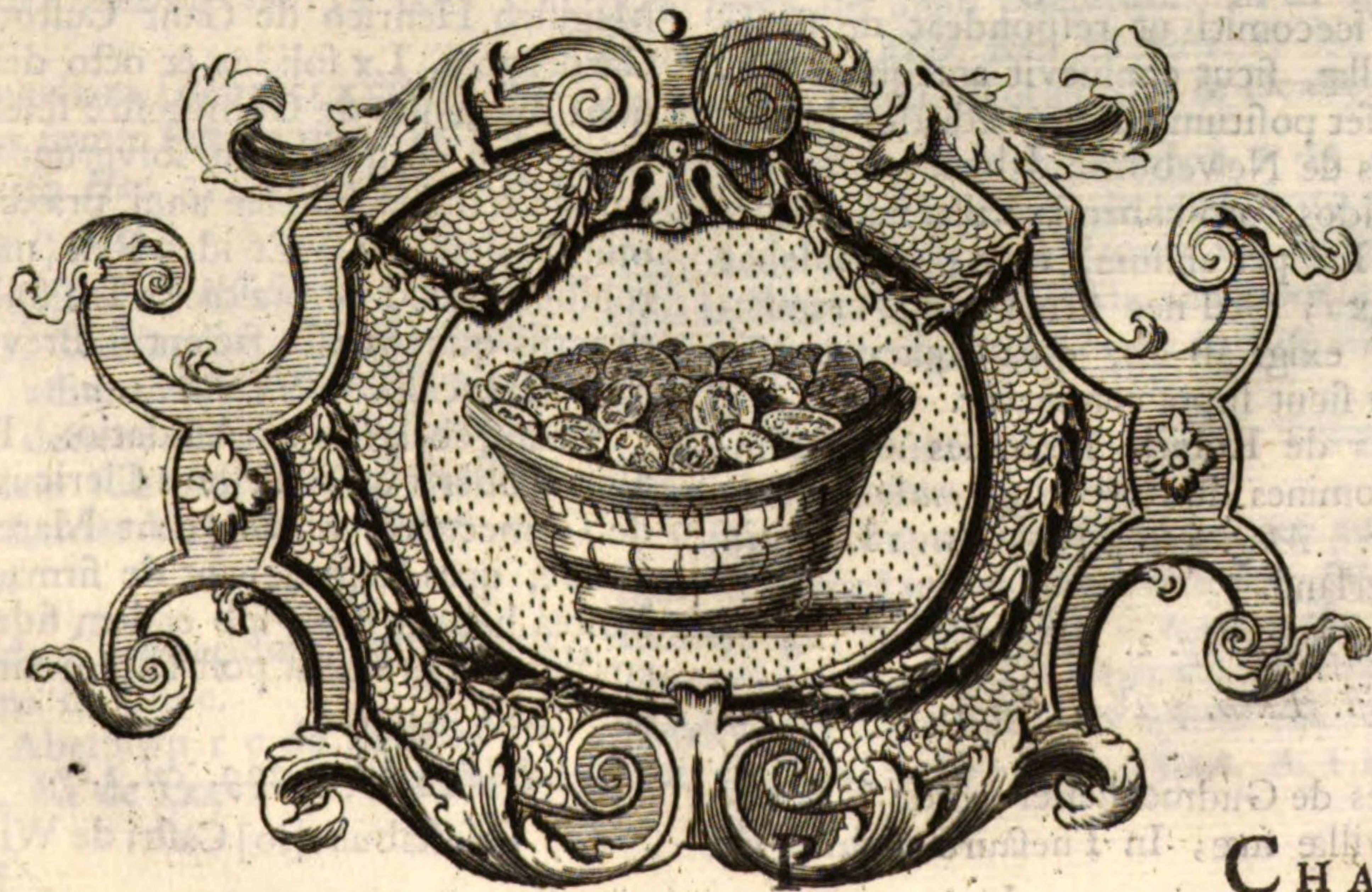
fuorum &c; & fit ei inde commissio hujus Scaccarii &c; & eo prætextu dicta Villa deliberatur extra manum Regis &c. Et prædicti Thomas Nigellus Laurentius & Walterus restituerunt Commissionem Regis de Villa prædicta. Et quoad causam captionis Villæ prædictæ, & non adventum dicti Ricardi, Curia vult plenius inde deliberare antequam &c. Postea viso & examinato processu prædicto inter Barones & alios de Consilio Regis, quia datus fuit dies præfatis Custodibus ad ducendum hic præfatum Ricardum ad Crastinum Animarum, ante quem diem ipsi Custodes præfatum Ricardum duxerunt, Rex de gratia sua speciali perdonavit transgressionem & contemptum prædicta si qua &c. *Mich. Communia* 38 *Edw.* 3. *Rot.* 1. a.

(e) *Firma Burgi*, ch. 5. sect. 4.

(f) *Firma Burgi*, ch. 11. sect. 1.

(g) *Londonia*. De Majore præsentato.

*Aldermanni Londoniæ & quamplures Cives* Civitatis ejusdem, venerunt hic coram The-saurario & Baronibus, modo die Mercurii in crastino Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ, & præsentaverunt coram eisdem, Stephanum de Abyndon Concivem suum, in Majorem Civitatis prædictæ, per eosdem Aldermannos & Cives electum ad officium Majoratus exercendum in Civitate prædicta. Et pecierunt quod ipsi The-saurarius & Barones, adhibito ex parte Regis assensu, ut est moris, dictum Stephanum ad officium prædictum admittant. Et admissus est. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo. *Mich. Præ-sentationes* 9 *Edw.* 2. *Rot.* 120. a.





I. *The Men of a Town not-corporate might hold their Town at Ferme, as well as the Men of a corporate-Town. Examples of This; to wit, The Towns of Cosham and Hareham; Liffon; Newburn Robiry Jaclinton and Corbrigg;*

Odiham, Gudmenchester; Aulton; Cokeham and Bray; Fekham, Apethorp, Brikestok; Geytinton Torp and Selveston; Clyve, Mannesfeld; Raghenild and Derlington, Ratford, Brampton, Bala, and Climeston.

I.



ANY of the Kings Towns which were not Corporate, as well as others which were Corporate, were charged to pay to the King yearly a Ferm for their Town. That is to say, Towns not Corporated might and did hold their Town at Ferm, in like manner as the Corporated Towns were (by the Kings favour) wont to hold. There are examples hereof in the Manours and Towns following, to wit, *Cosham and Hareham (a), Newburn Robiry, Jaclinton and Corbrigg in Northumberland (b); the Town of Odiham in Hantsshire (c); the Town of Gudmenchester in the County of Huntendon (d); the Town of Aulton (e); the Towns and Manors of Cokeham and Bray (f); the Town or Manor of*

(a) Homines de Cosham r c de firma ejusdem Manerii quod habent in custodia. In Thesauo xxiii l & iii s, Et Quieti sunt.

Homines de Hareham r c de firma ejusdem Manerii. In Thesauo xiiii l, Et Q. f. Mag. Rot. anni incerti Hen. 1. Rot. 2. m. 2. b. tit. Dorseta & Wiltescira.

(b) Homines de Novo Castello super Tinam [debent] C marcas & ii palefridos, pro habenda villa de Novo Castello super Tinam in manu sua, per veterem firmam, scilicet L libras, & X libras de Cremento, & pro habenda confirmatione de Libertatibus suis quas habent per cartam H Regis Patris; sed postea mandatum est per Breve Regis, quod est in forulo Marecalli, quod nec prædicta firma neque Crementum ab eis exigatur; Quia Rex concessit Vicecomiti ut respondeat de firma ejusdem Villæ, sicut consuevit antequam crementum esset positum; Per prædictum breve.

Homines de Neweburne debent xv marcas & ii Palefridos, pro habenda Villa sua ad firmam, per L l per annum, quæ prius solebat reddere xxx l; Sed nec firma neque crementum debet exigi ab eis, quia Rex concessit Vicecomiti sicut supra continetur.

Homines de Robiri, Homines de Jaclinton, & Homines de Corebrigg make Fine in like manner. Mag. Rot. 3 Job. Rot. 18. a. tit. Norhumberland.

(c) Ante, viz. cap. 2. sect. 3.

(d) Hist. Exch. p 284. col. 1. z. anno 13 Job.

Homines de Gudmechester r c de C & xx l de firma villæ suæ; In Thesauo nichil; Et

Falcon[i] de Breantee C & xx l, per breve Regis, ad se sustentandum in servicio Regis quamdiu Regi placuerit. Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. a. Cant. & Hunt.

Pro Ballivis de Gomecestre. Rex Baronibus; quod allocent Ballivis de Gomecestre de firma sua sexaginta libras, quas per præceptum Regis liberaverunt in Garderoba Regis Magistro Henrico de Gandavo Custodi ejusdem Garderobæ, die Lunæ proxima post festum beatæ Mildredæ apud Sanctum Paulum &c. Breve est in forulo Marecalli. Memoranda 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. a.

Pro prædictis Ballivis. Rex Baronibus; quod Reginaldus filius Roberti solvit in Garderoba Regis apud Westmonasterium, die Martis proxima post Pentecosten anno xlº septimo, Magistro Henrico de Gant Custodi ejusdem Garderobæ, Lx solidos & octo denarios, per quos Burgenses de Gomecestre finem fecerunt Regi, pro eo quod non solverunt firmam suam de termino Paschæ anni prædicti ad terminum debitum. Et ideo Rex [mandat] Baronibus, quod de prædictis Lx solidis & viii denariis quietos esse faciant. Breve est in forulo Marecalli. Ibid. Rot. 4. a.

Caunt[ebright]. Affidatio. Reginaldus filius Roberti & Willelmus Clericus Ballivi de de Gomecestre, affidaverunt Marecallo pro Lxiii l, quas Regi debent de firma villæ suæ. Postea habent diem sub eadem fide usque diem Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Nicholai. Ibid. Rot. 4. a.

(e) Hist. Exch. p 229. col. 2. y.

(f) Constabular[i]o Castri de Windles[ore]. Mandatum



CHAP. of Fekeham (g); the Town of Apethorp (h); the Towns of Brikestok, Geytinton, Torp, and Selveston (i); the Town of Clyve (k); the Town of Mannesfeld (l); the Towns of Raghenild and Derlington in the County of Notingham (m); the Burgesles of Ratford (n); the Town of Brampton in Huntingdonshire (o); the Burgesles

Mandatum est eidem, quod statim visis litteris capiat in manum Regis maneria de Cocham & de Bray, quæ sunt in manibus hominum prædictorum Maneriorum, & salvo custodiat; Ita quod ipse deinceps Regi possit respondere de firma prædictorum Maneriorum ad Scaccarium. Et distringat homines prædictorum Maneriorum pro firma sua de Terminis Paschæ. *Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. a.*

(g) Homines de Fechem reddunt compotum de xx marcis, pro habendo Manerio de Fechem ad firmam, cum quietancia padnagii, & cum Salina del Wyz ad illud Manerium pertinente, quamdiu Regi placuerit; Reddendo per annum ad Scaccarium xx l, scilicet ad Scaccarium sancti Michaelis xl, & ad Scaccarium Paschæ xl; & reddendo Abbati de Lira xxxs per annum, de Elemosina Regis constituta; Retentis in manu Regis custodia domorum suarum, & gardino suo, & vivario, & Molendino suo; Salvis eisdem Hominibus pastura sua, & estoverio suo ad husbote & haybote, per visum Forestarii, in Bosco Regis de Berse & Werkewod. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 3. tit. Wygornia.*

Hominibus de Fekeham. Rex eisdem; Miramur quamplurimum quod xxx s, quos Monachi de Lyra de elemosyna nostra constituta singulis annis, per manus Ballivorum villæ vestræ, antequam prædictam villam caperetis ad firmam, recipere consueverunt, prædictis Monachis reddere contradicitis. Et ideo vobis præcipimus, quod prædictos xxx s eisdem Monachis deinceps sine contradictione habere faciatis singulis annis; ne pro defectu &c. *Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 7. a.*

Pro Magistro Simone de Wautton. Idem S liberavit Regi in festo Sancti Edwardi anno xxxiiiº Manerium Regis de Fekham, quod de eo tenuit ad firmam, & ab eo die in antea Rex commisit Hominibus ejusdem Manerii Manerium prædictum, ad custodiendum quamdiu Regi placuerit. *Memoranda 35 Hen. 3. Rot. 2. b.*

Homines de Fekeham [debent] xxxviii l & xs, de remanente firmæ suæ de annis xxix & xxx. *Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Wygornia, m. 1. a.*

(h) Norhamt[esire]. Affidatio. Willermus Champeneys, Laurencius filius Hugonis de Appethorp, affidaverunt Marefcallo pro xs, quos Regi debent de firma villæ suæ. Postea habent diem sub eadem fide usque in vigiliam Sanctæ Lucie Virginis. *Memor. 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. a.*

(i) Homines de Clive reddunt compotum de Lx l, de firma de Clive.

Homines de Abethorp r c de xxxvii l de firma villæ suæ, Et de xxxvii l de eadem de

anno præterito; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt.

Homines de Brikestok r c de xl l, de firma villæ suæ.

Homines de Geytinton r c de xlvi l, de firma de Geytinton.

Homines de Torp[debent] Lx l, de firma de Torp.

Homines de Selveston r c de xviii l, de firma ejusdem Manerii. *Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Northamptonia, m. 2. a.*

(k) Norhamt[esire]. Affidatio. Ricardus le Carpenter, Robertus filius Petri de Clyve affidaverunt Marefcallo pro xs quos Regi debent de firma Villæ suæ. Postea habent diem sub eadem fide usque in vigilia Sanctæ Lucie Virginis. *Memor. 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. a.*

(l) Baronibus pro hominibus de Maunnesfeld.

Rex Baronibus, quod allocent hominibus de Maunnesfeld in firma villæ suæ de termino Paschæ proximo præterito xxiii l, quas solverunt in garder[oba] Regis, per præceptum Regis, Magistro Henrico de Gandavo Custodi ejusdem Garderobæ die Martis proximo post festum S Petri ad vincula anno r R xlvi. Teste Rege &c. *Pas. Communia 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. a.*

(m) Notingham. Homines de Raghenild & Derlington per Willelmum de Raghenild finem fecerunt cum Rege per xl s, pro Villis suis rehabendis, quæ dudum captæ fuerunt in manum Regis pro firma sua quæ aretro fuit. Et concessum est eis quod rehabeant Villas illas, tenendas in forma qua eas tenuerunt antequam captæ fuerunt in manum Regis occasione prædicta, videlicet, Reddendo Regi hic ad Scaccarium xiiii l per annum sicut prius &c. *Mich. Communia 25 & 26 Edw. 1. Rot. 31. a.*

(n) Burgesles de Ratford reddunt compotum de xl de firma ejusdem villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vii, Et de iii l xvi s de eadem firma de anno præterito. In th l, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. m. 1. a. tit. in cauda Rotuli, Notingham & Derby.*

(o) Homines Cantebr[igie] r c de xlii l numero pro xl l bl[ancis] de feodi firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi & in Rotulo ix Regis J, Et xlii l de anno præterito; summa, quaterviginti iii l; In th l in iii talliis, Et q f.

Idem Homines r c de xx l de cumento villæ suæ ibidem —.

Vill[a] de Brampton r c de i marca per annum de præstac[i]onibus arrentatis de Visu franciplegii ibidem, Et ii marcis de anno præterito; Summa iii marcæ; In thesauro liberavit in iii talliis, Et quietata est. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Cant. Hunt. m. 1. a.*

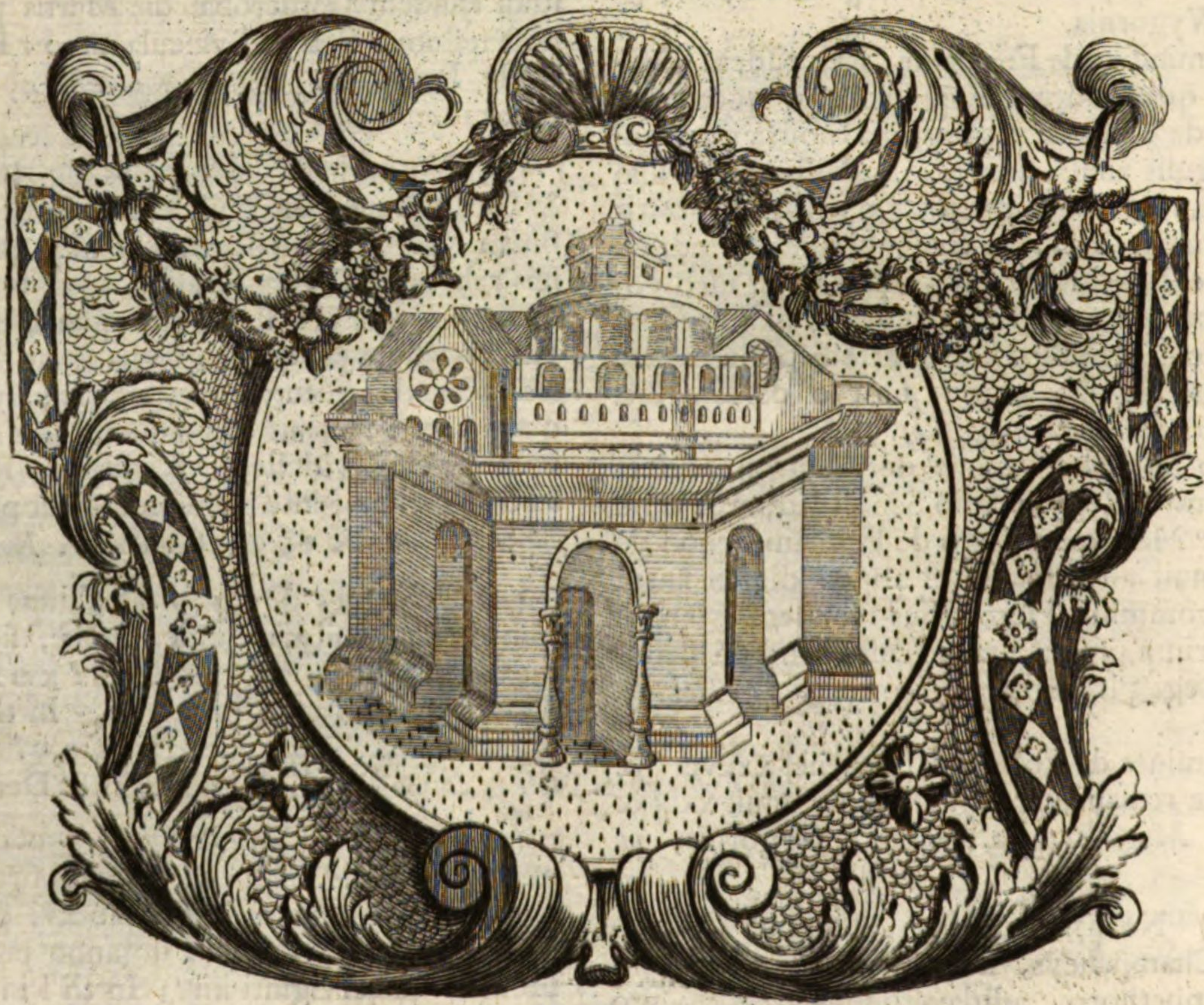


(p) Pro Burgensibus villæ de Bala in Northwallia. Rex archiepiscopis &c salutem. Sciatis nos de gratia nostra speciali dedisse concessisse & hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis Burgensibus Villæ nostræ de Bala in Penthlyn in Comitatu de Merionyth in Northwallia villam prædictam; Habendum & tenendum eisdem Burgensibus & eorum hæredibus & successoribus Burgensibus Villæ prædictæ, de nobis & hæredibus nostris, ad feodi firmam imperpetuum; Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus nostris per annum, ad Scaccarium nostrum de Kaernarvan, decem libras & duodecim solidos; unam videlicet medietatem ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum sancti Michaelis. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti Burgenses & eorum hæredes & successores sui prædicti habeant & teneant villam prædictam cum pertinentiis, de nobis & hæredibus nostris, ad feodi firmam imperpetuum, Reddendo inde nobis ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum decem libras & duodecim so-

lidos; unam videlicet medietatem ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum sancti Michaelis, sicut prædictum est. Hiis Testibus, Venerabilibus patribus W Archiepiscopo Ebor. Angliæ primate Thesaurario nostro, J Wyntonienfi Episcopo Cancellario nostro, Johanne de Eltham Comite Cornubiæ fratre nostro carissimo, Antonio de Lucy, Radulpho de Nevyl Senescallo Hospitii nostri, & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Wyndesore, xviii die Februarii. Per ipsum Regem. *Originale 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 25.*

(q) Homines de Climeston [debent...] de firma villæ suæ de hoc anno secundo & Lxxii annis præteritis, sicut continetur in Rotulo iii<sup>o</sup> Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo xxix<sup>o</sup> Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rotulis sequentibus.

Homines de Launzeueton [debent...] de firma villæ suæ de eisdem annis, sicut continetur ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Cornubia, m. 1. a.*





CHAPTER IV.

I. *The Towns Corporate and Not-corporate were wont to pay their Aids, Tallages, Fines, and Amerciaments, to the King, after one and the same manner. Prece-*

*dents of this, in the several Reigns of K K Henry II, Richard I, John, Henry III, Edward I, and Edward II.*



IN like manner the Towns Corporate and not Corporate were lyable, without any discernable difference, to pay their respective Aids Tallages or other Duties. For example. Towns Corporate were charged with Aid and Tallage to the King, in the same manner and method as the Towns not-corporate were charged: to wit, In the Reign of K Henry II, in *Devonshire (a)*, in *Gloucestershire (b)*, in *Wiltshire (c)*, in *Essex and Hertfordshire (d)*, in *Kent (e)*, in *Norfolk and Suffolk (f)*, in the Counties of *Dorset Somerset (g)*; and *Worcester (h)*.

In the Reign of K Richard I, in *Yorkshire (i)*, in *Worcestershire (k)*, in *Gloucestershire (l)*, in *Norfolk and Suffolk (m)*.

In

(a) *Hist. Excheq. p 419. col. 2. i. and p 485. col. 1. b.*

(b) *Ibid. p 420, col. 1. k. and p 485. col. 1. c.*

(c) *Ib. p 420, col. 1. l.*

(d) *Ib. p 407, col. 1. x. and p 484. col. 2. z.*

(e) *Ib. p 409. col. 1. d.*

(f) De Tallagio Dominiorum Regis & Terrarum quæ tunc erant in manu ejus in Nordfolch. Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs de Dono de Causton. *Then follow the Donums of many other Towns.* Idem Vicecomes r c de xxvi & xiii s & iiii d de Gernemuda. — Idem Vicecomes r c de quater xx & xiii l & xvi s & viii d de Dono de Nordwic[o]. Idem Vicecomes r c de Lxiii s & iiii d de Dono de Tedford —. Idem Vicecomes r c de i marca de ii Hominibus Regis manentibus in Clakelosehundredo —.

Item in Sudfolch. Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Holebroch, *and of several other Towns.* Idem Vicecomes r c de xxi & xvi s & viii d de Dono de Oreford. — Idem Vicecomes r c de xvii de Gipefwico. *Then follow several Towns.* Idem Vicecomes r c de iiii l & xiii s & iiii d de Dono de Eya —. Burghenses de Dunewico [debent] C marcas de Dono promisso per ipsos in Comuni. Idem Vicecomes r c de viii l & xiii s & iiii d de Socha de Eye —. *Mag. Rot. 33 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. tit. Nordfolch & Sudfolch. m. 1. b.*

Villata de Horningesla reddit compotum de xxvi s & viii d pro def[alta]; In th l, Et quieta est. *Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. 2. tit. Nortfolch & Sudfolch, Rot. 2. a.*

*And Firma Burgi, cap. 6. sect. 5.*

(g) Villata de Bada r c de xls, ut habeant

respectum de placito Cambii donec Rex veniat in Angliam.

Villata de Axebrige r c de xx s pro eodem.

Villata de Yvelcestre r c de v marcis pro eodem.

Villata de Warham r c de viii l & xiii s & iiii d pro eodem.

Villata de Radeclive r c de Lx s pro eodem. *Mag. Rot. 30 Hen. 2. Rot. 9. b. Dorseta & Sumerfeta.*

(b) Villata de Kidemeniftra debet ii marcas, de misericordia quia celavit coram Justiciis quod postea cognovit. *Mag. Rot. 30 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. tit. Wirecestrescira.*

(i) *Hist. Excheq. p 483. col. 2. q. and p 483, col. 2. r. and p 507, col. 2. s.*

(k) *Ib. p 487, col. 1. q.*

(l) *Ib. p 486. col. 2. n.*

(m) De Tallagio Dominiorum & Terrarum Regis quæ tunc erant in manu ejus in Nordfolchia. Homines de Causton r c de Ls de Dono; *and several other Towns.* Homines de Yernemua r c de xii l & xvi s & viii d. Cives Norwici r c de xlviii l & xii s & xi d de Dono. Burghenses de Tedford r c de xxxi s & viii d de Dono. —. Item de Tallagio in Sudfolch. Idem Vicecomes debet i marcam de Tallagio de Dunningwurda, Et xx s de Tallagio parvæ Fremingham —, Et xvii l & ii s & viii d de Tallagio de Oreford, Et C marcas de Tallagio Burghensium de Dunewico in Comuni, Et Lxxvi s & viii d de Socha Eyæ, Et xxviii s & iiii d de Tallagio de Lexefeld —. Homines de Gipefw[ico] r c de viii l de Dono. Homines de Loingeland r c de xvi l & iiii s de Dono. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 1. Rot. 8. tit. Nordfolch & Sudfolch. m. 1. b.*

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CHAP. In the Reign of K John, in Shropshire (n), in Wiltshire (o), and the Counties S E C T. I.  
IV. of Cambridg and Huntendon (p).

In the Reign of K Henry III, in the Counties of Essex and Hertford (q), Norfolk and Suffolk (r), Lancaster (s), York (t), Buckinghamshire (u), Lancashire (w), and Northamptonshire (x).

In the Reign of K Edward I, in Lincolnshire (y), in Norfolk and Suffolk (z).

In the Reign of K Edward II, in Surrey and Sussex (a), in Norfolk and Suffolk (b), and other Counties. In the Second year of K Edward II, Reginald de Northo sued John Chasteyn Bailif of the Hundred of Chillesford in an action of Trespass, for taking and detaining his Heifer, worth xs. The Defendant justifieth the taking of Reginalds Heifer of the value of iii s, for that the Villate of Shodicamp

(n) Hist. Exch. p 487, col. 2. y.

(o) Ib. p 487, col. 2. z.

(p) Ib. p 515, col. 1. t.

(q) Ib. p 488, col. 1. b.

(r) Ib. p 488, col. 1. e.

(s) Ib. p 488, col. 2. b.

(t) Ib. p 488, col. 2. i. p 489, col. 2. p. and p 490, col. 2. w.

(u) Buk. Mandatum est Vicecomiti quod diligenter inquirat, utrum quando murdrum accidit in Villa de Rifeberg, prædicta Villa consuevit & debeat solvere amerciamenta pro eodem murdro per se, absque participatione terræ Simonis Druel de Meselega—, & quando murdrum accidit in prædicta terra de Meselega, utrum eadem terra consuevit & debeat solvere amerciamenta pro eodem murdro per se, absque participatione aliarum Villarum vicinarum, vel non. Et Inquisitiones —. Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. a.

(w) Tallagium assessum per Johannem de Reygate & Robertum de Crepping.

Villata de Lancastria reddit compotum de xiiii l de tallagio; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Brochtun r c de Cs de eodem.

Vill[ata] de Slyne r c de viii marcis de eodem; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Overtun r c de vi marcis & dimidia de eodem; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Wra r c de ii marcis de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est.

Terra Roberti filii Walteri de Hole r c de xs de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est.

Villata de Preston r c de xx l xiii s & iii d de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Singelton r c de ix marcis de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Riggeby r c de ii marcis de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est.

Vill[ata] de Skerton r c de xx s de eodem; In th l, Et Quieta est. Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Lancastria, m. 2. a.

(x) Firma Burgi, cap. 3.

(y) Hist. Exch. p 510, col. 1. i.

(z) Vill[a] de Berkholt [debet] xls, pro evasione. Villa de Hopeton [debet] xl d, quia sepelivit. Vill[a] de Dunwico debet Cs, pro evasione Willelmi Molendinarii de Hoxne. Vill[a] de Gernemue debet xv l xii s x d ob. de catallis Walteri Oliver qui abjuravit reg-

num. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 2. b.

Homines Villæ Donewici [debent] xx l vs vid, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum eorundem hominum, assesso anno xxxiiº sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxvº, Rotulo compotorum de Tallagio. Homines de Causton [debent] xl iis iii d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum eorundem hominum, assesso anno xxxiiº sicut continetur ibidem. Villata de Aylesham [debet] ix l viii s x d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum ejusdem villatæ, assesso anno xxxiiº sicut continetur ibidem. Homines Villæ Gippewici reddunt compotum de quater xx xiii l xs ix d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum eorundem hominum, assesso eodem anno sicut continetur ibidem. In like manner the Men of Oreford, the Men of Magna Jernemue, and the Men of the Villa de Fakenham are charged with their several Tallages. Mag. Rot. 6 Edw. 2. tit. Adhuc Item Norf. Suff. intus.

(a) Hist. Exch. p 512. col. 1. w. x.

(b) Tallagium assessum in Comitatibus Norfolciæ & Suffolciæ hoc anno Sexto, per Priorem de Wymundeham & Socios suos. Idem Vicecomes r c de xl iis iii d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum villatæ de Causton, sicut continetur in Rotulo de tallagio prædicto; Et ix l viii s x d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum villatæ de Aylesham, sicut continetur ibidem; Et xliiii l iis iii d qua, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Hominum villæ Gippewici quorum nominibus præponitur [t] in Rotulo in summa, in Rotulo de tallagio antedicto, sicut continetur ibidem; Et xx l viii s iii d, de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Hominum Villæ Donewicy, quorum nominibus—; Et xii l ii d de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Hominum villæ de Oreford, quorum nominibus—. Villata de Fakenham r c de x marcis de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Hominum ejusdem Villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo de tallagio prædicto; In thesauro liberavit, Et quieta est. Cives Norwicy r c de CLxii l xii s vi d ob., de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Civium Civitatis prædictæ, quorum nominibus—. Homines villæ Jernemuthæ debent Cxxx l viii s vii d ob. q., de tallagio catallorum & reddituum Hominum ejusdem villæ Jernemuthæ quorum nominibus—; Et respondent infra. Mag. Rot. 6 Edw. 2. tit. Adhuc Item Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.



CHAP. *Shodicamp* was amerced in the Sherifs Turn at xl pence for non-appearance; and S E C T. I.  
IV. that four pence halfpeny of it was charged on *Reginald* for his portion, and because *Reginald* refused to pay the same, the Defendant seised and detained the Heifer (c). In the Sixth year of K *Edward* II, a Tallage (it was a Quinzime of Moveables and a Disme of Rents) was assessed upon the Kings Burghs and Demeanes in the County of *Cambridg*, by *Robert Baynard* and others. It was assessed upon particular persons in the Towns of *Cambridg*, *Bernewell*, *Cesterton*, and *Sabam*, and upon the Town of *Great Wylberham* in Common. In the same year, and in the like manner, a Tallage of That sort was assessed upon the Burghs and Demeanes in the County of *Huntyngdon*; to wit, in Common upon the Town of *Huntyngdon*, and in Common upon the Town of *Gomecestre*, except the Countess of *Ferrers*; and upon particular persons in the several Towns of *Offord-Cluny*, *Kings-Ripton*, *Herford*, and *Brompton cum Houton*. The Jurours or Taxours, by whose oaths the several Assessments were made, are assessed by themselves (d). In

(c) Cant[ebri]scira]. *Johannes Chasteyn* Ballivus hundredi de *Chillesford* attachiatus fuit ad respondendum *Reginaldo* filio *Hugonis* de *Northo*, de placito transgressionis. Et unde idem *Reginaldus* queritur, quod idem *Johannes* die *Veneris* proximo ante diem quæ vocatur le *Hoke Day*, anno regni Regis patris Regis nunc xxxiiii<sup>o</sup>, auctoritate ballivæ suæ & absque waranto & occasione quacunque, tam per se quam per *Johannem Andreu* subballivum suum, quandam *Juvencam* ipsius *Reginaldi* pretii xs, apud *Schodicamp* cepit, & penes se hucusque injuste detinuit & adhuc detinet, ad dampnum ipsius *Reginaldi* xls; & hoc offert &c. Et prædictus *Johannes* venit per Attornatum suum; & defendit omnem injuriam transgressionem &c. Et bene cognovit quod cepit quandam *Juvencam* ipsius *Reginaldi* pretii trium solidorum; Et hoc juste; quia dicit, quod ubi *Villata* de *Shodecamp* amerciata fuit ad xl denarios, coram *R de Baouf[e]* tunc Vicecomite dicti Comitatus, ad turnum ipsius Vicecomitis apud *Badburgham*, die *Veneris* in prima septimana quadragesimæ anno prædicto, quia non venit; de quo amerciamento portio dicti *Reginaldi* fuit quatuor denarii & obolus; pro quibus cepit dictam *Juvencam*. Et quia dictus *Reginaldus* dictos quatuor denarios & obolumolvere noluit, idem *Johannes* ea occasione de prædicta *Juvenca* adhuc seistitus est. Ita quod nullam injuriam seu transgressionem ei fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur.

Et prædictus *Reginaldus* dicit, quod dicta *Villata* de *Shodicamp* non fuit amerciata ad prædictos xl denarios. Set quod dictus *Johannes* auctoritate officii sui, & absque Waranto & occasione quacunque, cepit prædictam *Juvencam* suam, & inde adhuc est seistitus ut prædictum est. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic in *Craftino Purificationis* beatæ Mariæ xii &c, de visneto de *Shodicamp*, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 19. a.*

(d) Cantebr[ig]scire]. Tallagium Quintædecimæ Mobilium & Decimæ Reddituum Burgorum & Dominiorum Domini Regis in Comitatibus Cantebr[ig]iæ & Hunt[endon]iæ, assessum coram *Roberto Baynard* *Roberto*

*Maddingl[e]* & *Johanne* de *Creik* ad dictum Tallagium assidendum assignatis, anno regni Regis *Edwardi* filii Regis *Edwardi* sexto.

Cantebr. Warda ultra Pontem. De *Thoma Andre* de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, iiii s. De *Rogero* de *Henneye* pro eodem, ii s. De *Daintico* le *Webestere* pro eodem, xvii d. De *Johanne* de *Lyngwode* pro eodem, xx d. De *Roberto* *Donnyng* pro eodem, vs iiii d. De *Margeria* de *Manefelde* pro eodem, ii s vi d. De *Hugone* *Tinteir* pro eodem, ii s iiii d. De *Jordana* de *Parys* pro eodem, xis viii d. Then follow eight other persons. De *Scolaribus* de *Mertone* pro eodem, xiii s iiii d ob. q. Then follow about two and thirty persons more. Summa istius Wardæ, viii l iiii d ob. Prob[atur]. By probatur is meant, that the Summ or casting-up was Proved [by Counters].

Warda citra Pontem. De *Johanne* *Fykeys* de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, vs viii d. De *Cecilia* de *Berton* pro eodem, xis vi d ob. q. In this Ward there are about Seventy six persons more here named. Summa istius Wardæ, xi l ix s x d q. Prob[atur].

Heyewarde. De *Thoma* de *Tendring* de Tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, xs iiii d. There are about 45 persons more. Summa istius Wardæ, iiii l xiii s ob. Prob[atur].

Adhuc de Tallagio prædicto de Burgo de Cantebr[ig]ia]. Warda de *Foro*. De *Simone* de *Stokton* de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, xiii s iiii d. De *Elena* *Peryn* pro eodem, xviii s. And several summs of about one hundred Twenty four more. Summa istius Wardæ, xxii l xix s vi d ob. Probatur.

Warda de *Melnestrate*. De *Johanne* de Cant[ebri]gia] de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, xxii s ii d ob. q. And several summs of about Sixty three Persons more. Summa istius Wardæ, viii l xiii s xi d. Probatur.

Adhuc de tallagio prædicto *Villatæ* Cantebr[ig]iæ]. Cantebr. *Trompitone* Warde. De *Edmundo* de *Cayli* de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum, viii s. And several summs of about one hundred and twenty nine persons more. It ends thus, De *Scolaribus* *Universitatis* villæ Cant[ebri]giæ] de tallagio redditus sui xs. Summa istius Wardæ, xvii l iiii s ob. q. Probatur.

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CHAP. In the reign of K Edward II, when the King caused his Demeanes through Eng-S E C T.  
IV. land to be tallaged, the Men of the several Towns of Ryngwode Christchurche We- I.  
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Nomina Religioforum. De Priore de Bernewell de tallagio Mobilium & reddituum suorum, *xi l vi s*. De Priore de Simplyngham pro eodem, *xiii s iiii d*. De Magistro Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ pro eodem, *xl s*. De Priorissa Sanctæ Radegund[æ] pro eodem, *xxii s ii d ob. q*. De Abbate de Lesseyne de tallagio redditus sui, *vi d*. De Priore de Angleseye pro eodem, *viii s v d*. De Priore de Tremhale pro eodem, *ii s*. De Abbate de Tileteye pro eodem, *ii s 9 d*. De Abbate de Wardon pro eodem *ii s*. De Magistro de Schenegeye pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Priore de Ely pro eodem, *iiii s ix d ob. q*. De Elemosinar[i]o de Ely pro eodem, *vi d*. De Hospitali S Johannis de Ely pro eodem, *xvi d*. De Abbate de Sancto Edmundo pro eodem, *xx d ob. q*. De Priore de Spyneye pro eodem, *xviii d ob*. De Priore de Caldewell pro eodem, *xvii s*. De Priorissa de Swafham pro eodem, *vs iiii d ob. q*. De Abbatissa de Bech pro eodem, *iv s*. De Monialibus de Pretz pro eodem, *xv d q*. De Priorissa de Markiate pro eodem, *vi d*. De Prior[e] de Kolyngworth pro eodem, *ii s*. De fratribus Sancti Augustini pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Abbate de Ramefeye pro eodem, *viii d*. De Priore de Huntingdon pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Priorissa de Ikelyngton pro eodem, *ix d ob. q*. De Priore de Hatfeld pro eodem, *xii d*. De Abbate de Croulande pro eodem, *v d*. De Episcopo de Ely pro eodem, *xxii s*. De Domo Julianæ de Sancto Albano pro eodem, *iii d q*. De Monialibus de Chikefonde pro eodem, *viii d ob*. Summa, *xx l vii d q*. Probatur.

Nomina Juratorum. De Roberto de Broune de tallagio mobilium & reddituum suorum, *viii s viii d*. De Roberto de Segford pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Johanne Edward pro eodem, *vi s viii d*. De Galfrido de Costefeye pro eodem, *dimidia marca*. De Rogero le Hastere pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Roberto de Comberton pro eodem, *x s*. De Johanne Robiliard pro eodem, *vs*. De Hugone le Feure pro eodem *vs*. De Thoma le Ropere pro eodem, *vi d*. De Johanne Goggyngs pro eodem, *xxvi s viii d*. De Johanne Pauwe pro eodem, *ii s*. De Michaelle Wolward pro eodem, *xii d*. De Johanne Leyke pro eodem, *vs*. De Johanne le Walsch pro eodem, *ii s*. De Thoma de London pro eodem, *dimidia marca*. De Johanne Doke pro eodem, *dimidia marca*. De Rogero de Costefeye pro eodem, *vis*. Summa hujusmodi, *Cvis vi d*. Probatur. *The Clerk of the Pipes mark against the several sums aboveswritten, is, In Rotulo in Summa.*

Adhuc de Tallagio prædicto Villatæ de Bernewell juxta Canteb[rigiam]. Bernewell. De Margeria Attekene de tallagio mobilium & reddituum suorum *vs*. De Roberto Person pro eodem, *iiii s ix d*. Then follow the names of about Thirtythree persons more with their several sums. Summa de Bernewelle, *Lxii s x d*. Probatur. Summa totalis omnium

vardarum Burgi Canteb[rigiæ] cum Jur[atoribus] & Religios[is] & Bernewell, *Cl xiiii s vi d ob. q*. Probatur. *Against this Tallage of Bernewell there is the like mark, In Rotulo in summa.*

Adhuc de Tallagio prædicto Villatæ de Cesterton in Comitatu Canteb[rigiæ]. Cesterton villa. Prioris de Bernewelle. De Priore de Bernewelle de tallagio mobilium & reddituum suorum, *Liii s x d ob. q*. De Scolariibus de Mertone pro eodem, *xd ob. q*. Then follow the names of about one hundred and fifty six persons more with their respective sums.

Nomina Juratorum De Stephano de Houton pro eodem, *xvi d*. De Willelmo Wolewy pro eodem, *xxs vi d*. De Galfrido ad Portam Ecclesiæ pro eodem, *vi s viii d*. De Henrico Campioun pro eodem, *vis viii d*. De Roberto de Fraunk pro eodem *ii s*. De Willelmo Leuwyne pro eodem, *.. d*. Summa istius villæ, *xvi l xiiii d ob*. Probatur. *These sums are also marked, In Rotulo in summa.*

Adhuc de Tallagio prædicto Villatæ de Saham in Comitatu Canteb[rigiæ]. Saham; De Hervico de Stanton firmario Manerii de Saham de tallagio Mobilium suorum in eodem Manerio, *xxiiii s*. De eodem Hervico de tallagio Redditus sui in eodem Manerio, *xx s*. Then follow the names of about Ninetyfive persons besides, with their several sums.

Nomina taxatorum ejusdem Villæ de Saham. De Johanne Hibodenn de tallagio Mobilium suorum, *vis viii d*. De Ricardo de Colne pro eodem, *iiii s*. De Willelmo Ringelond pro eodem, *iii s*. De Willelmo Trigettour pro eodem, *xii d*. De Simone de Ravelingham pro eodem, *xii d*. De Thoma Alwyne pro eodem, *xii d*. Summa istius villæ, *vii l iii s i d ob*. Probatur. *The abovementioned sums are put in Rotulo in summa.*

Wylberham. De Manerio de Wylberham magna, quod est de Dominio Regis & Homagio ejusdem Manerii de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum suorum assessio in Comuni, *xxs*. *This summ is put in Rotulo.*

Hunt[ingdonshire]. Tallagium Quintædecimæ Mobilium & Decimæ Reddituum Burgorum & Dominicorum Domini Regis in Comitatu Hunt. assessum coram Roberto Baynard Roberto de Maddingl[e] & Johanne de Creik ad dictum Tallagium assidendum assignatis anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi sexto.

De Burgo de Hunt[ingdon]ia de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum omnium Hominum ejusdem Burgi assessio in communi, *xxv l*.

De Villata de Gomecestr[e] de tallagio Mobilium omnium Hominum ejusdem villatæ assessio in communi, *xx l*.

De Alianora Comitissa de Ferrariis de tallagio Reddituum suorum in eadem villa de Gomecestr[e], *xii l*.

Manerium de Offorde Cluny in eodem Comitatu. De Waltero Conventrensi & Lich[feldenfi]



CHAP. *floure Bourton and Doneketon* in the County of *Southampton*, were, by the Kings *S E C T.*  
IV. Assessours appointed for That Service, tallaged all together to the Kings *Sixth*, I.  
that is, they were ordered to pay their Tallage each by themselves in a general  
summ or Fine (e).

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[feldensi] Episcopo de tallagio Mobilium & Reddituum Manerii sui de Offord Cluny, xl s. De Galfrido le Chapman de tallagio Mobilium suorum, iis ob. *Here follow the names of about Fortysix persons with their several summs.* Summa, iiii l xiii s iiii d ob. Probatur.

Villata de Riptona Regis in eodem Comitatu. De Nicholao le Eyr de tallagio Mobilium suorum, xii d. *Then follow seventeen more with their summs.*

Nomina Juratorum; De Johanne le Stalker de tallagio Mobilium suorum, iiii s. De Thoma filio Simonis pro eodem, iiii s. De Johanne le Palmere pro eodem, iis. Summa, xxx s ix d ob. Probatur.

Villata de Herforde juxta Hunt[yngham]. De Ada Unwyne de tallagio Mobilium suorum, xiiii d ob., *And Twenty others with their summs.*

Nomina Juratorum; De Saero atte Hil pro eodem, iis. De Johanne ad capud villæ pro eodem, ii s. De Thoma Onewyne pro eodem, vi d. Summa, xxiii s vi d ob. qua. Probatur.

Adhuc de Tallagio prædicto Villatæ de Brampton cum Houtton in Comitatu Hunt[yngham]. Brampton cum Houttone; De Johanne de Hasting de tallagio Mobilium & reddituum suorum in eadem villa, iiii l vi s viii d. *Then follow One hundred and twenty-three others with their several summs.*

Nomina Juratorum; De Henrico Holdegar de tallagio mobilium suorum, iis viii d. De Johanne de Rokesby pro eodem, ii s. De Ricardo Pynor pro eodem, iis. De Nicholao le Wodeward pro eodem, xvi d. De Elya Nolly pro eodem, ii s. De Petro le Boteler pro eodem, xvi d. De Wilhelmo le Aleyn pro eodem, xvi d. Summa prædictæ Villatæ de Brampton cum Houtton, xvi l iis iiii d ob. Probatur. *All the abovewritten summs are put in Rotulo in summa.*

*On the dorse,* Robertus de Maddyngle liberavit hic hos quatuor rotulos die Veneris xviii<sup>o</sup> die Octobris anno regni Regis E filii Regis E septimo. *Ex veteri Ligula Tallagii Comitatum Cant. & Hunt. de anno 6 Regis Edw. 2, consistente quatuor membranis filo confutis. Scriptura indubie coæva. Extat in archivo Regio Scaccarii apud Rememoratorem Theaurarii.*

(e) Suhamt[onia]. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de anno xvii<sup>o</sup>, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte Hominum & tenentium Isabellæ Reginæ Angliæ Consortis nostræ carissimæ de Ryngwode Christchurche Westoure Bourton & Doneketon in Comitatu Suhamt-

[onia], nobis est ostensum, quod licet Villæ prædictæ non sint de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ, nec homines & tenentes earundem temporibus retroactis quando Dominica Progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Angliæ talliata fuerunt talliari consueverint, set communibus contributionibus præstationibus & aliis oneribus Communitatem Comitatus prædicti tangentibus cum Communitate Comitatus illius semper contribuerint, Johannes Moriz & Socii sui tamen anno regni nostri sexto, quando Dominica nostra per Angliam ad opus nostrum fecimus talliari, ad hujusmodi tallagium in Dominicis nostris in Comitatu prædicto assidendi assignati, homines Villarum prædictarum, ac si eadem Villæ fuissent antiqua Dominica Coronæ nostræ, cum non fuerint, seu homines Villarum earundem in hujusmodi tallagiis talliari consuevissent cum non fuerint, eosdem homines ad fines faciendos pro tallagio prædicto ad opus nostrum compulerunt, cujus prætextu fines prædicti per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti exigi facitis ad opus nostrum, ipsosque homines ea occasione distringi & occasione multiplici inquietari facitis, minus juste, in ipsorum dampnum non modicum & gravamen. Et quia nolumus quod iidem homines indebite graventur, Vobis mandamus, quod scrutato libro de Domesday, inspectisque Rotulis & Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti hujusmodi tallagia tangentibus, si per inspectionem eorundem vel alio modo legitimo vobis constare poterit, quod Villæ prædictæ non sint de antiquo Dominico Coronæ nostræ, nec homines & tenentes Villarum prædictarum temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum in hujusmodi tallagiis non consueverunt talliari; set cum Communitate Comitatus prædicti in contributionibus Communitatem regni tangentibus onerati fuerint, tunc homines & tenentes prædictos de prædictis finibus sic factis pro tallagio prædicto dicto anno regni nostri sexto, ad Scaccarium prædictum exonerari & quietos esse faciatis. Teste meipso apud Turrim London[iæ], xvi<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno regni nostri decimo septimo. Prætextu cujus brevis, scrutato libro de Domesday, nichil compertum est inter Dominicas terras Domini Regis in Comitatu Suhamt[onia], de Villis de Christchurch Westour Bourton & Doneketon; Scrutatis etiam rotulis & Memorandis hujusmodi tallagia contingentibus, non est compertum quod homines Villarum prædictarum unquam talliati fuerunt cum dominicis nostris, temporibus Regis nunc aut Progenitorum suorum ante dictum annum sextum, set quod semper contribuerunt Regi & Progenitoribus suis in singulis auxiliis cum Communitate regni Angliæ. Item compertum est in Rotulis de tallagio assesso dicto anno vi<sup>o</sup> per Johannem Moryz & Socios suos, quod homines Villæ de Ryngwode fecerunt finem

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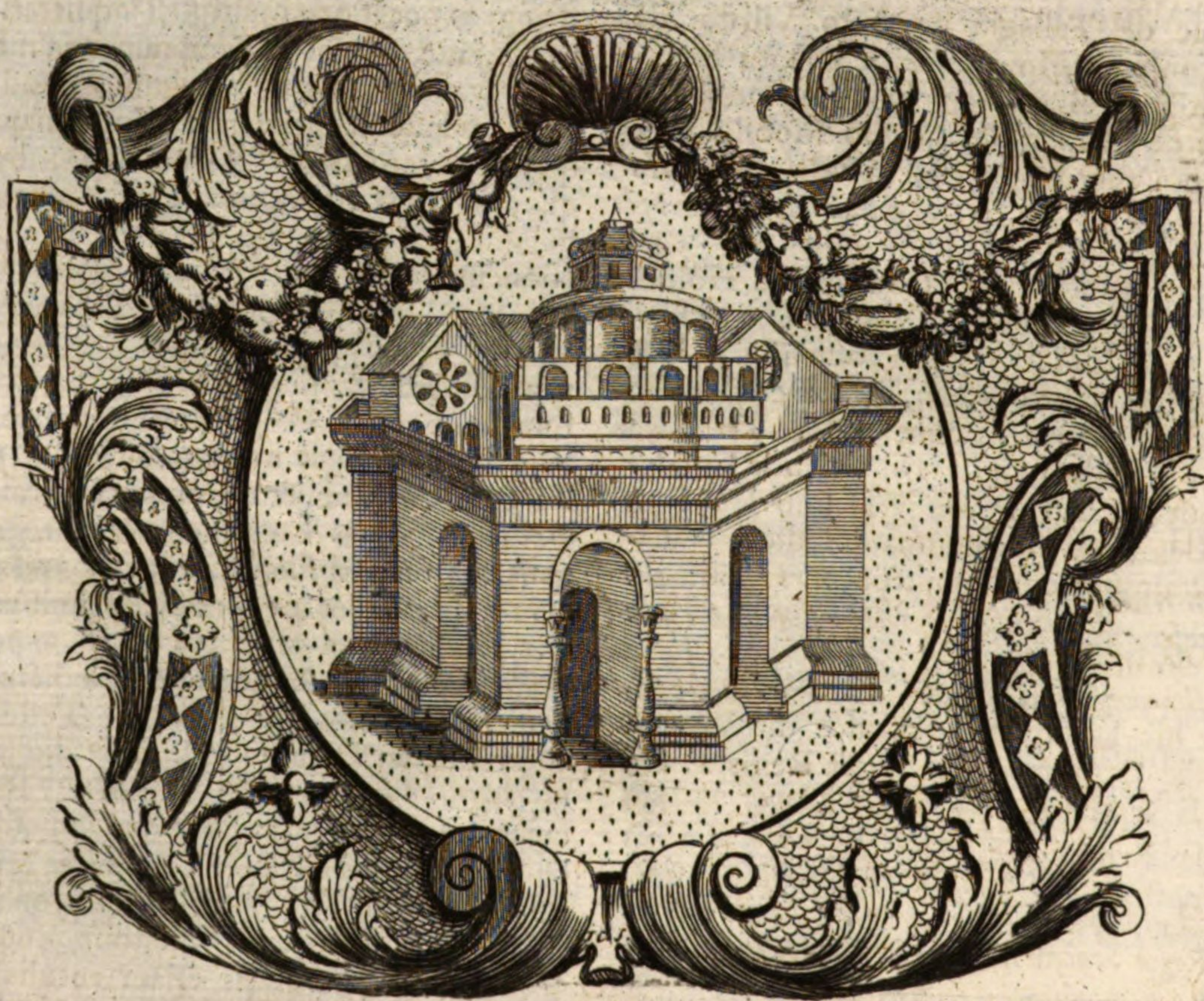


CHAP. As to Common Fines and Amerciaments, by an Ordinance made (as it is said) S E C T.  
 IV. by K *Edward* III in or about the Seventeenth year of his reign, it was provided at I.  
 the Prayer of the Commons, That no Common Fine of Counties be made hereaf-  
 ter, but that every one be punished for his Trespas or make Fine by himself (f).  
 And as to Tallages, in and after the Reign of K *Edward* III the Name of *Tallage*  
 fell under disrepute and odium. In the subsequent times Taxes were generally im-  
 posed and levied in another manner than they used to be in the antecedent ages, and  
 under other denominations.

nem pro tallagio per xi marcas, homines Vil-  
 læ de Christchurch fecerunt finem per Cixs  
 i d ob., homines Villæ de Westoure fecerunt  
 finem per x marcas, homines Villæ de Bour-  
 ton fecerunt finem per quatuor marcas, & ho-  
 mines Villæ de Doneketon fecerunt finem per  
 xx s. Quæ quidem summæ exiguntur per  
 Summonitionem de Pipa in Suhamt[onia] de  
 Villis prædictis. Tamen quoad Villam de  
 Ryncwode in libro de Domefday compertum  
 est sic, In Ryncwode hundredo Rex tenet in  
 Dominio Ryncwede, Tofti Comes tenuit,  
 tunc se defendit pro xxviii<sup>o</sup> hidis, modo pro  
 nichilo quando Vicecomes recepit nisi x hidas,  
 aliæ fuerunt in Wyt; modo vi hidæ. Præ-

textu cujus brevis & scrutinii prædictorum,  
 Consideratum est quod homines prædictæ Vil-  
 læ de Christchurch de prædictis Cixs i d ob.,  
 homines dictæ Villæ de Westovere de prædi-  
 ctis x marcis, homines dictæ Villæ de Bour-  
 ton de prædictis iiii marcis, & homines dictæ  
 Villæ de Doneketon de prædictis xx s de fini-  
 bus prædictis exonerentur & inde quieti ex-  
 istant, & quod homines dictæ Villæ de Rync-  
 wode remaneant onerati de prædictis xi mar-  
 cis de fine prædicto. Mich. Communia 19 Edw.  
 2. Rot. 26. b.

(f) Ex codice MS chartaceo incertæ fidei pe-  
 nes me.





CHAPTER V.

- I. *Towns not-corporated were usually Charged and Sued pro Rege, in the same or like manner as Towns corporate. Examples thereof in the Towns hereunder named, to wit :*
- II, Wainflete, Fremelinton, and other Towns,
- III, Chatton,
- IV, Baſton and Southwell,
- V, Weſtminſtre and Stronde,
- VI, Scalby,
- VII, Cotyngham,
- VIII, Wakefeld,
- IX, Swayneby,
- X, Edeneſtowe,
- XI, Coggeſhale,
- XII, Stretton,
- XIII, Witney,
- XIV, Axbridge.
- XV, *In like manner Aggregate Bodies or Communities of men not incorporated. Instances hereof.*
- XVI, *In like manner the ſeveral Diſtricts or Diviſions of the Kingdom of England; As Hundreds, Wapentakes, Counties.*
- XVII, *The Merchants of Venice.*
- XVIII, *Superadded Caſes: The Aldermanrie of Sperling in London,*
- XIX, *Aldermanrie of Frowik in London,*
- XX, Walpole,
- XXI, Stanſtede,
- XXII, Graham,
- XXIII, *Townſmen of Oxford,*
- XXIV, *Townſmen of Staunford,*
- XXV, *Burgeſſes of Scardeburgh,*
- XXVI, *Burgeſſes of Newcastle upon Tyne,*
- XXVII, *The Men of Scardeburgh,*
- XXVIII, *The Merchants ſtyled Ballardi of Luca,*
- XXIX, *The Merchants Friſcobalds of Florence,*
- XXX, *The Men of the Manor of Derleton and Ragenhull,*
- XXXI, *The Tenants of the Hundred of Wichford,*
- XXXII, *The Men of Tamworth,*
- XXXIII, *The Men of Newcastle upon Tyne, and of the Counties of Cumberland and Weſtmerland,*
- XXXIV, *The Commoners of the Counties of Bedford and Buckingham,*
- XXXV, *The Communa of the County of Cheſter; and the Communities of other Counties chooſing Knights of Parliament,*
- XXXVI, *The Townſmen of Coventry,*
- XXXVII, *The Townſmen of Netherheyford,*
- XXXVIII, *The Men of Little Hormede and Bordeſden,*
- XXXIX, *The Pariſhioners of Leſkeret,*
- XL, *The Men of Maldon,*
- XLI, *The Men of Hundreds, upon the Statute of Wincheſter.*

I.



TOWNS not-corporated were usually Charged and Sued *pro Rege* in the same or like manner as Towns-corporate. When the Men of a Town became answerable to the Crown, or were charged in the Kings Revenue-Rolls, for a Ferme or other Debt due from their Community, it was indifferent to the King whether such Town was Corporate or not Corporate. The King, that is to say, His Barons of the Exchequer, his General Attorney at Law, or his other Clerks and Officers for Him, were wont to Charge implead and sue the Townsmen of the

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CHAP. one or the other sort in the same or the like manner. Of this matter I will in this SECT.

V. Discourse produce some instances, as well in relation to Towns Corporate as to I. II.

Towns not Corporate. The instances relating to Towns Corporate are to be found in the After-part of this Discourse, to wit in the Tenth Chapter. My Method obligeth me to place them There. The instances relating to Towns not deemed Corporate do follow here in this Chapter.

II. The Town of *Wainflete* in *Lincolnshire* was Charged to the King in *communi* with an amercement sett upon them for taking Toll unjustly (a). And in like manner *mutatis mutandis*, other Towns, to wit, *Fremelinton* in *Northumberland* (b), *Newburgh* in *Shropshire* (c), *Schepeton* in *Somersetshire* (d), *Bastenden* in *Berkshire* (e), *Clive* in *Northamptonshire* (f), *Leckton* in *Buckinghamshire* (g), *Primhill* in *Sussex* (h), the Men living beyond *Bedford-Bridg* (i), *Caversham* in *Oxfordshire* (k), *Wansted* in *Essex* (l), *Cocham* and *Bray* in *Berkshire* (m), *Gingegoybert* in *Essex* (n), *Aberconewey* in *Wales* (o), *Lovayne* in *Brabant* (p), the Town of *Dachet*

(a) Villata de Wainflet r c de xl marcis, pro Teloneo injuste capto. In thesauro x marcas, Et deb[et] xxx marcas. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a. Lincoliescira.*

Villata de Weinset r c de v marcis, pro theloneo quod injuste ceperunt; In thesauro ii marcas, Et debent ii marcas. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. Lincoliescira.*

(b) Fremelinton r c de ii marcis, quia non est secuta Homic[idam], In th l, Et Q e. *Mag. Rot. 13 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. b. Northumberland.*

(c) Willelmus de Novo Burgo r c de xls pro recept[atione] excommunicati. Ædwinus Telarius r c de xls pro eodem. Villata de Novo Burgo r c de ii marcis pro eodem. *Mag. Rot. 22 Hen. 2. Rot. 4. b. Salopescira.*

(d) Villata de Schepeton r c de xls pro Willelmo Haiward qui ibi mansit sine pleg[io]; In Perdonis, per breve Regis, Episcopo Wint[oniensi] xls, Et Queta est. *Mag. Rot. 24 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. b. Dorseta & Sumerseta.*

(e) Villata de Bastenden r c de de iii marcis quia permisit homines sine plegio & Tedingam in villa sua. *Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. a. Berrochscira.*

(f) Homines de Clive debent iiii marcas, pro iii acris & dimidia excolendis de communi pastura sua. *Mag. Rot. 2 Job. Rot. 4. b. tit. Nordhantescira.*

(g) Homines de Lechton [debent] x marcas, pro habenda Inquisitione per proxima Hallimota, & per legales Milites & alios Homines de Visneto, quas consuetudines ipsi fecerint tempore H Regis Patris. Sed quia inquisitum est per Homines de Billefdon, [qui] promiserunt prædictas x marcas sine assensu prædictorum Hominum de Leckton, consideratum est ut requirantur ab Hominibus de Billefdon. *Mag. Rot. 4 Job. Rot. 2. b. tit. Buck. & Bedef.*

(h) Homines de Primhill debent x marcas, pro habenda Inquisitione utrum Abbas de Bello fuit seiscitus de toto Marisco pertinente ad Manerium de Prunhill sicut in Dominico suo, die qua Abbas de Ponte Roberti movit

inde placitum versus ipsum Abbatem in Curia Regis. *Mag. Rot. 4 Job. Rot. 10. b. tit. Sudsexia. Nova oblata.*

(i) Homines de ultra Pontem de Bedeford [debent] Cs & iiii d de taill[agio]. *Mag. Rot. 6 Job. Rot. 2. m. 1. a.*

(k) Villata de Kaveresham debet xls pro murdro. *Memoranda 11 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. a. tit. Oxon.*

(l) Essex & Hertf. — quod cum villa de Wansted amerciata esset ad xs coram Justiciariis nostris ultimo itinerantibus in Comitatu suo ad placita forestæ—. *Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 7. b.*

(m) Constabulario Castri de Windles[ore]. Mandatum est eidem, quod statim visis litteris capiat in manum Regis Maneria de Cocham & de Bray, quæ sunt in manibus Hominum prædictorum Maneriorum, & salvo custodiat, ita quod ipse deinceps Regi possit respondere de firma prædictorum Maneriorum ad Scaccarium; Et distringat Homines prædictorum Maneriorum pro firma sua de termino Paschæ—. *Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. a.*

(n) Essexia. Robertus de Fuleham Constabularius Scaccarii Regis habet respectum usque a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, de portione ipsum contingente de xx s ad quos Villata de Gingegoybert amerciata fuit pro defalta coram Justiciariis ultimo Itinerantibus &c, & averia &c. *Memor. 32 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. b. This was a Common Amercement. Robert de Fuleham Constable of the Kings Exchequer was charged with his contingent-part of this Amercement. But as to Roberts part, the demand was respited, because Robert was a privileged Officer in the Exchequer.*

(o) Burgenfes villæ de Aberconewey finem fecerunt cum Rege per viginti solidos, pro confirmatione cujusdam cartæ habenda, Teste Rege apud Wyndesore xx die Februarii. *Originale 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 44.*

(p) Mercatores & Burgenfes villæ de Louayne in Brabancia finem fecerunt cum Rege per decem marcas, pro quibusdam libertatibus eis per Regem concessis, Teste Rege apud Haveryng atte Boure xxiii die Maii. *Originale 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 45.*



CHAP. *Dachet* (*q*), the Men of *Gorleston* and *Riston* (*r*), the Villate of *Brewes* (*s*), the Men of *Castre* (*t*), the Burgeses Good Men and Community of the Town of *Calese* (*u*), the Villate of *Surflete* (*w*). S E C T. II.

On the other part. Sometimes the Men of a Town not-corporated have brought an action by the name of *Homines Regis* of such a Town. For example. In the Two and twentieth year of K *Edward* I, the Kings Men of *Hedindon* in *Oxfordshire* sued the Prior of *St Frideswide*. *Thomas Thurstain* Bailif of *Hedindon*, for the King, and for himself and the said Men of *Hedindon*, Declareth the cause of action. The Parties plead to issue. Verdict passeth for the Prior. The Court adjudgeth, That the said Men shall have no fruit of their action, and that the Prior do go without Day (*x*). In the Twenteighth year of K *Edward*

(*q*) Villata de *Dachet* [debet] Lxxiis iiiid, de *Hydagio* & præstatione pro pulcre placitando de secta & warda de anno xvº, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvº. *Mag. Rot.* 18 *Edw.* 3. tit. *Bed. Buk.* m. 2. a.

(*r*) *Homines* villarum de *Gorleston* & *Riston* cum *Gorleston* [debent] xviii<sup>l</sup> de secundo & tercio anno earundem quintædecimæ & decimæ pro bonis ipsorum *Hominum* ibidem. *Mag. Rot.* 18 *Edw.* 3. tit. *Norf. Suff.* m. 1. b.

(*s*) Villata de *Brewes* [debet] dimidiam marcam, quia quatuor *Homines* & *Præpositus* ejusdem villæ non comparuerunt coram *Johanne Holt* & sociis suis *Justiciariis Domini Regis* ad gaolas deliberandas assignatis, prout præmuniti fuerunt ibidem. *Mag. Rot.* 13 *Ric.* 2. tit. Item *Norf. Suff.* m. 1. a.

(*t*) *Ballivi* de *Castre* debent viiis de cremento duarum bovatarum terræ in *Northkelfey*, sicut continetur —.

*Homines* de *Castre* debent iis de uno tosto & tercia parte unius tosti in *Castri*, sicut continetur —. *Mag. Rot.* 15 *Hen.* 6. *Linc.* m. 1. a.

(*u*) *Burgenfes* & *Probi Homines* ac *Comunitas* villæ *Calles*[iæ] debent vis viii<sup>d</sup> per annum, de quadam placea vacua cum pertinentiis in eadem villa —. *Mag. Rot.* 15 *Hen.* 6. *Londonia Midd.* m. 1. a.

(*w*) Villata de *Surflete* debet vi<sup>d</sup> per annum, de valore unius domus *Johannis Botok* de *Surflete* felonis suspensi —. *Mag. Rot.* 15 *Hen.* 6. *Linc.* m. 1. a.

(*x*) *Oxonia*. Prior de *Sancta Frefewith*[a] attach[iatur] ad respondendum Regi, & *Homini*bus *Regis* de *Hedindon*, de placito transgressionis. Et unde *Thomas Thurstain* *Ballivus* de *Hedindon*, qui sequitur pro Rege & pro seipso & prædictis *Homini*bus de *Hedindon*, queritur quod cum prædicti *Homines* a tempore quo non extat memoria solebant annuatim die *Sanctæ Frefewithæ* habere de eadem domo *Sanctæ Frefewithæ* videlicet singuli eorum duos panes unam *Lagenam* cerviſ[iæ] & unum ferculum de *Coquina*, scilicet ejusdem generis piscis seu carniū quo & Prior & *Conventus* ejusdem domus eodem die utebatur, prædictus Prior die *Sanctæ Frefewithæ* anno regni *Regis* E xxiº subtraxit eisdem *Homini*bus prædictum ferculum de carniibus, & optulit eisdem dare unum ferculum

pisc[is], ubi iidem Prior & *Conventus* eodem die carnes comederunt; Et etiam ubi *Ballivus* & *Præpos*[itus] de *Hedindon* qui pro tempore fuerint solebant annuatim prædicto die *Sanctæ Frefewithæ* prandere cum prædicto Priore, idem Prior hujusmodi prandium, die & anno supradictis, prædictis *Homini*bus subtraxit; Et etiam quod prædictus Prior in feodo *Regis* de *Hedindon* *Michaelem le Pestur* hominem & tenentem *Regis* de *Hedindon* distrinxit & distringere fecit ad faciendum sectam *Curia*e ipsius Prioris de *Sancta Frefewith*[a], in contemptum *Regis* manifestum, & dampnum prædictorum *Thomæ* & aliorum supradictorum C marcarum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus Prior venit; & quo ad liberationem panis cerviſ[iæ] & ferculi de *Coquina* die *Sanctæ Frefewithæ*, dicit quod eodem die de gratia sua liberationem fecit prædictis *Homini*bus de *Hedindon* de pane *Cerviſ*[ia] & uno ferculo piscis, eo quod idem Prior & *Conventus* suus eo die comederunt piscem. Et quo ad subtractionem prandii prædictorum *Ballivi* & *Præpos*[iti] de *Hedindon*, dicit quod licite potuerunt venire ad prandium si voluissent ad diem prædictum, & quod eis non denegabat prandium die prædicto, & dicit quod ipse & aliqui prædecessores sui istam curialitatem fecerunt ex gratia sua tantum, & non ex aliquo titulo juris quem prædicti *Homines* habent pro se. Et quo ad distractionem super prædictum *Michaelem* factam, dicit quod nullam distractionem ei fecit in feodo *Regis* de *Hedindon*, nec alibi, ad faciendam sectam *Curia*e suæ sanctæ *Frefewithæ*. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est *Vicecomiti* quod venire faciat coram &c, a die *Paschæ* in unum mensem, xii<sup>m</sup> &c tam *Milites* &c, Et qui &c, ad certificandum &c. Postea capta est *Inquisitio* in *Craftino Sancti Johannis Baptistæ* eodem anno, per *Rogero*m de *Insula* & alios prout patet &c jur[atores]. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Prior & prædecessores sui prædictam liberationem fecerunt de pane *Cerviſ*[ia] & uno ferculo *Coquina*e prædictis *Homini*bus in festo *Sanctæ Frefewythæ*, tanquam vicinis & parochianis suis qui invitati essent ad prandium, & hoc ex gratia bona voluntate & affectione quas erga eos habuerunt, & non ex aliquo titulo juris. Et quo ad prædictos *Ballivum* & *Præpos*[itum] de *Hedindon*, dicunt quod in festo supradicto simili-



CHAP. ward III, *John de Ellerton* for the King, and for himself and the rest of the Men S E C T.  
V. of *Wendey* in *Cambridgshire*, brought an action of Trespass in the Exchequer II.

against *Warin Martyn*, to the intent that *Warin* might be taxed amongst the Men of *Wendey* to the Quinzimes granted to the King. Judgment is given that for the future *Warin* be taxed with the Men of *Wendey* (y). In the Tyentyeighth year of K *Edward III*, Master *William de Eppeworth* for the King and himself brought a Suit in the Exchequer against *Thomas de Gylyngham Richard Maunser Geoffrey Godebolt* and *William Boydyn* Men of the Homage of the Manour of *Gylyngham*, together with Twentyseven others being Men of the same Homage. The Suit was founded upon the Custome of the Manour, to wit, to demand of Them a Debt due from their Provost who was Insolvent (z).

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liter ex eadem gratia & curialitate eisdem Ballivo & Præpos[ito] prandium dedissent, sicut aliis vicinis suis ad prandium invitatis, si tunc ibidem venissent. Et dicunt præcise quod prædicti Homines Ballivus sive Præpos[itus] de Hedindon numquam alium statum sive seisinam habuerunt ad prædictam liberationem habendam, præterquam ex gratia & curialitate Prioris. Et quo ad distinctionem factam super prædictum Michaellem, dicunt quod quidam Robertus le Caretter ferviens prædicti Prioris in Nundinis sanctæ Fresewith[æ] proximo præteritis, in feodo Domini Regis de Hedindon prædictum Michaellem attachiavit, ad respondendum Henrico le Mouner de placito debiti, & hoc ignorante prædicto Priore, & quod alio modo non fuit attachiatus nec alia de causa. Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Homines nichil capiant per breve suum &c. Et prædictus Prior eat inde sine die &c. *Placita coram Baronibus* 22 *Edw. 1. Rot. 49. b.*

(y) Cant[abrigia]. Warinus Martyn de Bassyngbourn attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Regi, & Johanni de Ellerton ac aliis hominibus Villæ de Wendeye, de placito transgressionis & contemptus.

Et unde prædictus Johannes de Ellerton, qui pro Rege seipso & aliis hominibus prædictis sequitur, dicit quod cum idem Warinus diversa terras & tenementa in dicta Villa de Wendeye teneat, & ipse & antecessores sui tenentes terrarum & tenementorum prædictorum, in singulis taxationibus & concessionibus Quintarum decimarum Regi seu Progenitoribus per laicos totis temporibus retroactis concessarum, pro bonis & catallis de terris & tenementis illis exeuntibus & super eisdem existentibus, inter dictos homines de Wendeye taxati & taxabiles fuerunt & taxari consueverunt, & cum eisdem hominibus ad portionem dictam Villam contingentem contribuerunt, & non cum hominibus de Bassyngbourn; & licet idem Warinus ad viiis, pro portione ipsum contingente de secundo anno xv<sup>o</sup> triennialis ejusdem Villæ de Wendeye Regi anno regni sui xxv<sup>o</sup> concessæ, ratione bonorum & catallorum suorum de terris & tenementis illis exeuntium & super eisdem existentium, inter homines ejusdem Villæ de Wendeye, prout ipse & antecessores sui tenentes eorundem terrarum & tenementorum taxari consueverunt & taxabiles extiterunt, taxatus extitisset, & ipse ut dictos viiis sol-

veret pluries ex parte Regis requisitus fuisset, idem tamen Warinus dictos viiis ad quos taxatus & taxabilis extitit inter dictos homines Villæ de Wendeye solvere recusavit hucusque, & cum eisdem hominibus de Wendeye ad xv<sup>am</sup> prædictam contribuere, vel aliquos denarios pro bonis & catallis suis prædictis solvere contradicit; quo prætextu prædicti homines de Wendeye pro dictis viiis dictum Warinum pro prædicto secundo anno contingentibus, graviter districti fuerunt & multipliciter inquietati, in contemptum Regis, ac dampnum prædictorum hominum de Wendeye xl. Et hoc prædictus Johannes de Ellerton, qui pro Rege seipso & prædictis hominibus de Wendeye sequitur, offert &c.

Et prædictus Warinus in propria persona sua venit, & defendit dampnum & quicquid &c, & bene cognovit quod ipse tenet diversa terras & tenementa in dicta Villa de Wendeye, & quod ipse & antecessores sui tenentes terrarum & tenementorum prædictorum in singulis concessionibus xv<sup>arum</sup> Regi seu Progenitoribus suis per laicos, totis temporibus retroactis hucusque concessarum taxati & taxabiles fuerunt, & taxari consueverunt, inter dictos homines de Wendeye, pro bonis & catallis de terris & tenementis illis exeuntibus & super eisdem existentibus. Et dicit quod ipse solvit cum præfatis hominibus de Wendeye prædictos viiis, ad quos taxatus fuit pro portione ipsum contingente de secundo anno xv<sup>o</sup> trienn[ialis] prædictæ, quam solutionem prædictus Johannes expresse cognovit fore factam. Et petit judicium super recognitione sua prædicta. Et habita inde deliberatione &c, Consideratum est, quod dictus Warinus decetero taxetur cum dictis hominibus de Wendeye, pro bonis & catallis de terris & tenementis illis exeuntibus & super eisdem existentibus, in singulis taxationibus & concessionibus hujusmodi Quintarumdecimarum Regi imposterum concedendarum. Et prædictus Johannes de Ellerton remittit dampna sua in hac parte. *Placita coram Baronibus* 28 *Edw. 3. Rot. 50. a.*

(z) Kancia. Pro Magistro Willemo de Eppeworth versus Homagium de Gylyngham Thomas de Gylyngham Ricardus Maunser Galfridus Godebolt & Willemus Boydyn, homines homagii Manerii de Gylyngham, attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Regi & Magistro Willemo de Eppeworth nuper Custodi temporali-um Archiepiscopus Cantuar[ienfis] sede vacante



CHAP. III. In the nine and thirtieth year of K Edward III, the Town of Chatton in S E C T.  
V. Northumberland stood charged to the King, by the name of Villata de Chatton, III.  
with Ll for a None of Sheaves fleeces and lambs. The Townsmen by their Attor-  
ney come and Plead. Upon the matter pleaded by them the said Debt was respit-  
ed (a).

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te in manu Regis existentium, una cum quibusdam Roberto Beaufitz, and twenty six other persons here named, aliis hominibus homagii prædicti, qui modo non venerunt, de placito debiti.

Et unde prædictus Magister Willelmus pro Rege & seipso dicit, quod consuetudo Manerii prædicti ad Archiepiscopatum prædictum pertinentis talis existit, quod Præpositus ejusdem Manerii ad officium suum per homines ejusdem homagii eligi debet, & iidem homines pro eodem Præposito sic per ipsos electo si foret insufficiens respondere debent juxta consuetudinem ejusdem Manerii, Prædicti Thomas de Gyllyngham Ricardus Maunser Galfridus Godebolt & Willelmus Boydyn, unacum prædictis Roberto & Thoma Twydolæ & aliis præscriptis qui modo non venerunt, versus quos narraret si &c, quendam Willelmum Atte Castell juxta consuetudinem prædictam Præpositum ibidem elegerunt, & idem Willelmus Atte Castell juxta electionem illam a xx<sup>o</sup> die Maii anno xxiii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, usque xix<sup>m</sup> diem Octobris tunc proximo sequentem Præpositus ejusdem Manerii extitit, & de tempore prædicto cum prædicto Magistro Willelmo computavit, & in arreragiis compositi sui de tempore prædicto in xliii l iiii s vi d ob. remansit, ad quos solvendo minus sufficiens existit. Et petit idem Magister Willelmus pro Rege & seipso, quod homines homagii prædicti Regi respondeant pro prædicto Willelmo Atte Castell de denariis prædictis, propter insufficientiam suam &c.

Et prædicti Thomas de Gyllyngham Ricardus Maunser Galfridus Godebolt & Willelmus Boydyn venerunt in propriis personis suis, & bene cognoverunt quod consuetudo Manerii prædicti talis est, quod homines homagii prædicti eligere debent Præpositum ibidem ad officium suum. Et dicunt quod prædictus Willelmus Atte Castell, vivente Archiepiscopo per ipsos & alios præscriptos qui modo non venerunt, electus fuit ad officium Præpositi ibidem diu antequam Archiepiscopatus prædictus vacavit, & sic juxta electionem illam sede vacante per tempus prædictum officium illud ibidem excercuit, & Præpositus ibidem extitit. Set dicunt quod ipsi sine prædictis hominibus qui modo non venerunt in præmissis respondere non possunt. Et petunt diem ulterius &c. Et super hoc datus est eis dies in præmissis usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii. Et idem dies datus est præfato Magistro Willelmo. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringat dictos homines qui modo non venerunt &c. ita &c. ad eundem diem. At last the parties appear and Plead. Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 41. a.

(a) Northumbr[ia] De exonerando Villatam de Chatton de Ll de nona garbarum vellerum & agnorum.

Memorandum quod comperto in Magno Rotulo de anno xxxvii<sup>o</sup> in Northumbria, quod Ll exiguntur de Villata de Chatton de nona garbarum vellerum & agnorum Regi nunc regni sui xliii<sup>o</sup> concessa in Comitatu prædicto; de quibus Vicecomes Comitatus prædicti videlicet Ricardus de Horsleye oneratus fuit de x l super compotum suum ad Scaccarium hic redditum de Officio Vicecomitatus illius de dicto anno xxxvii<sup>o</sup>: prædicti Homines de Chatton venerunt per Robertum de Twywell eorum Attornatum, & dicunt quod denarii prædicti assignati fuerunt Henrico de Percy Domino ejusdem Villæ pro tot denariis in quibus Rex tenebatur eidem Henrico, & tallia de assignatione illa levata extitit ad Receptam hujus Scaccarii, & liberata præfato Henrico pro solutione denariorum prædictorum prosequenda; & dicunt quod satisfactum est præfato Henrico de debito prædicto; Ita quod Rex actionem aliquam de eodem debito sic præfato Henrico assignato habere non potest nec debet de jure, deficut idem Henricus nec aliquis alius nomine suo inde non est conquestus: & petunt quod contratallia inde videatur, & quod dictum debitum eis respectuetur, & quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes exoneretur erga Regem de x l supradictis. Et super hoc scrutatis Rotulis &c, Compertum est in pelle Memorandorum ad Receptam Scaccarii de termino Paschæ anno xix<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, quod quædam tallia levata fuit sub nominibus Hominum de Chatton, continens Ll de nona sua, quæ assignata fuit D<sup>no</sup> Henrico de Percy pro tot denariis in quibus Rex ei tenebatur pro vadiis suis guerræ, sicut continetur in Rotulo de exitu de eodem anno xix<sup>o</sup>, quæ quidem tallia postmodum xv<sup>o</sup> die Octobris anno xxviii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc innovata extitit per Rotulum & folium de prædicto termino Paschæ anno xix<sup>o</sup>, cujus quidem contra tallia invenitur in custodia Camerariorum hujus Scaccarii. Quibus compertis & intellectis, quia per præmissa satis liquet, quod debitum prædictum assignatum fuit præfato D<sup>no</sup> de Percy, & tallia inde levata extitit, quæ penes ipsos Homines seu prædictum Henricum de Percy remanens, & nemo queritur de non solutione debiti prædicti, dictum est præfatis Hominibus quod talliam prædictam habeant hic a die Paschæ in xv dies, allocandam prout &c. Et concessum est eis quod interim habeant respectum de debito prædicto. Et datus est eis dies ad eundem diem ad dictam talliam Curie exhibendam. Et mandatum est Vicecomiti Comitatus prædicti, ac Ricardo de Horsleye nuper Vicecomiti Comitatus prædicti, quod interim supersedeant de debito prædicto. Ad quem diem prædicti Homines venerunt, & ostenderunt Curie prædictam talliam levatam xv<sup>o</sup> die Octobris prædicto anno xxviii<sup>o</sup>, sub nomi-



CHAP. IV. In the ninth year of K Richard II, the Townsmen of *Baſton* in the County of S E C T. V. *Lincoln* were impleaded in the Court of Exchequer at the Kings ſuit for the Goods IV.

of *Walter Skryvener* convicted of Felony. They are Charged in the *Great Roll* by the Name or Style of *Villata de Baſton*. Two perſons Conſtables of *Baſton* Appear and Plead for themſelves and the other Men of *Baſton*. Verdict paſſed for the Conſtables and Townſmen. The Judgment given thereon is, *quod villata de Baſton exoneretur (b)*. In the Eighteenth year of K Richard II, the Town of *Southwell*

nominibus prædictorum Hominum, continen-  
tem Ll prædictas. Mich. Communia 39 Edw.  
3. Rot. 17. b.

(b) Lincoln[ſcira]. De Villata de Baſton  
exoneranda de Cs de bonis & catallis Walteri  
Skryvenere Clerici convicti de felonia.

Memorandum quod cum exigantur per ſum-  
monitionem hujus Scaccarii de Villata de Ba-  
ſton Cs de bonis & catallis Walteri Skryve-  
nere Clerici convicti pro felonia, ſicut conti-  
netur in Magno Rotulo de anno viiiº Regis  
nunc in Lincoln., & in Rotulo de extractis a-  
merciamen[torum] exituum finium & catallo-  
rum forisfactorum coram Willelmo de Skyp-  
with & Willelmo de Burgh Juſticiariis ad affi-  
ſas in Comitatus Norhamt[oniæ] War[rewi-  
ci] Leyc[eſtriæ] Derbiæ Not[tinghamiæ] &  
Lincoln[iæ] capiendas assignatis de anno ſex-  
to Regis nunc finire & de anno ſeptimo in-  
cipiente, quidam Johannes Cranmere & Ro-  
bertus Smyth Conſtabularii prædictæ Villæ  
de Baſton venerunt coram Baronibus hujus  
Scaccarii hic xviº die Julii hoc termino, pro  
ſe & aliis hominibus Villæ prædictæ per Jo-  
hannem Rothewell Attornatum ſuum. Et  
queruntur ſe graviter diſtictos eſſe per Vice-  
comitem Lincoln[iæ] pro Cs prædictis Regi  
ſolvendis, Et hoc minus juſte; Quia dicunt  
quod prædictus Walterus Skryvener, qui pro  
diverſis feloniis indiſtatus fuit, & poſtmodum  
coram Willelmo de Skipwyth Milite & Wil-  
lmo de Burgh Juſticiariis Dñi Regis ad affiſas  
in Comitatu Lincoln[iæ] capiend[as] assign[at]is  
apud Lincolniam Clericus convictus extitit,  
habuit bona & catalla die perpetrationis felo-  
niæ prædictæ & poſtea apud Baſton ad valen-  
ciam Cs, videlicet pannos laneos & lineos ad  
valenciam xls, vaſa ænea & lignea ad valen-  
ciam xxs, libros ad valenciam xiiis iiiid, Ol-  
las & patellas æneas ad valenciam xxs, & alia  
uſenſilia domus ad valenciam vi s viiid, quæ  
poſt felonias factas devenerunt ad manus præ-  
dictorum Johannis Cranmere & Roberti Smyth  
tunc Conſtabulariorum prædictæ Villæ de Ba-  
ſton. Et dicunt quod prædicti Johannes Cran-  
mere & Robertus Smyth ſupradictos Cs de  
pretio bonorum & catallorum prædictorum  
ſolverunt Willelmo de Skypwith Juniori nuper  
Eſcaetori Regis in dicto Comitatu Lincoln[iæ].  
Et dicunt quod prædictus Eſcaetor de præ-  
dictis Cs in Compoto ſuo de exitibus Eſcae-  
triæ in dicto Comitatu Lincoln[iæ] reddito ver-  
ſus Regem oneratur. Quod dicunt ſatis li-  
quere poſſe Curia per inſpectionem Rotulo-  
rum hujus Scaccarii ut intelligunt. Et petunt  
quod Rotuli illi videantur, Et quod villata  
prædicta de Cs prædictis ab eadem Villata  
modo exactis exoneretur. Et ſuper hoc ſcrui-

tatis rotulis &c, Compertum eſt in Rotulo de  
particulis compoti prædicti Willelmi de Skip-  
with Junioris Eſcaetoris Regis in dicto Comi-  
tatu Lincoln[iæ] de exitibus ejusdem Eſcaetriæ  
in Comitatu prædicto, a xxxº die Novembris  
anno quinto Regis nunc uſque xxxº diem No-  
vembris anno ſeptimo, quod idem Eſcaetor  
reſpondet de Cs receptis de Johanne Cranmere  
& Roberto Smyth Conſtabulariis Villæ de Ba-  
ſton de bonis & catallis Walteri Ablemere  
Scryvenere de Baſton & Aliciæ uxoris ejus,  
qui pro diverſis feloniis indiſtati fuerunt & co-  
ram Willelmo de Skypwyth Milite & Willel-  
mo de Burgh Juſticiariis Dñi Regis apud Lin-  
colniam ad affiſas ibidem capiendas assignatis  
dampnati fuerunt, & coram eiſdem Juſticia-  
riis ad dictam ſummam de Cs appreciatis, &  
per ipſum Eſcaetorem de eiſdem Conſtabula-  
riis ad opus Regis receptis, ſicut continetur in  
quadam Inquiſitione inde coram eodem Eſcae-  
tore apud Eſtdepyng ex Officio capta, & ſu-  
per dictum compotum liberata in hæc verba;  
Inquiſitio capta apud Eſtdepyng die Veneris  
proximo poſt feſtum beatæ Mariæ Magdele-  
næ anno regni Regis Ricardi ſecundi poſt con-  
queſtum ſeptimo, coram Willelmo de Skip-  
wyth Juniore Eſcaetore dicti Dñi Regis in Co-  
mitatu Lincoln[iæ] virtute Officii ſui, per ſa-  
cramentum Rogeri Cuteller and eleven others,  
qui dicunt ſuper ſacramentum ſuum, quod  
Walterus Ablemere Scrivener de Baſton &  
Alicia uxor ſua, qui pro diverſis feloniis indi-  
ſtati fuerunt & coram Willelmo de Skipwyth  
Milite & Willelmo de Burgh Juſticiariis dicti  
Dñi Regis apud Lincolniam ad affiſas dampna-  
ti fuerunt, habuerunt bona & catalla coram  
eiſdem Juſticiariis appreciata ad Cs, quæ de-  
venerunt ad manus Johannis Cranmere & Ro-  
berti Smyth Conſtabulariorum Villæ de Ba-  
ſton, qui quidem Johannes & Robertus Smyth  
prædicto Eſcaetori, per unam acquietanciam  
eiſdem factam per eundem Eſcaetorem, præ-  
cium prædictorum bonorum liberaverunt. In  
cujus rei teſtimonium præſentibus ſigilla præ-  
dictorum Juratorum ſunt appenſa. Data die  
& loco & anno ſupradictis. Quibus comper-  
tis & præſatis hominibus Villatæ de Baſton ex-  
poſitis, dicunt quod prædictus Walterus Scry-  
venere Clericus convictus pro felonia & Wal-  
terus Ablemere Scrivener de Baſton, qui co-  
ram præſatis Willelmo de Skipwyth & Willel-  
mo de Burgh Juſticiariis Dñi Regis apud Lin-  
colniam ad affiſas ibidem capiendas assignatis  
dampnatus fuit, fuerunt una & eadem perſo-  
na & non diverſæ perſonæ, & quod prædictus  
Walterus non habuit aliqua alia bona neque  
catalla die perpetrationis felon[iæ] prædictæ nec  
unquam poſtea, niſi ſupradicta bona & catalla  
quæ appreciata fuerunt ad Cs, quæ ad manus  
prædi-



CHAP. *well* in *Notinghamshire* was charged to the Crown with *xlvi s vii d*, for the goods of a Fugitive. The Townsmen, to wit, *John Evyngton, John Leddenham, Robert Barker*, Townsmen of *Southwell*, & alii Homines of that Town, appear in the Court of Exchequer; and Plead. Issue is joined and Tryal had. The Jury Find

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prædictorum Johannis Cranmere & Roberti Smyth Constabulariorum dictæ Villæ de Baston devenerunt, Et quos quidem Cs prædicti Constabularii præfato Escaetori solverunt, & idem Escaetor versus Regem in Compoto suo prædicto ut prædictum est oneratur, & quod bona & catalla prædicta non fuerunt majoris valoris quam Cs prædictorum, & quod nulla causa subest quare Homines villatæ prædictæ de Cs prædictis ab eadem villata jam exactis seu aliqua parcella inde versus Regem onerari seu satisfacere debent. Et hoc prætendunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Per quod petunt præfati Homines Villæ de Baston de Cs ab eadem villata exactis de bonis & catallis prædictis exonerari.

Ad quod dictum est pro Rege quod prædicti Walterus Scrivenir Clericus & Walterus Albemere Scrivenere de Baston non fuerunt una & eadem set diversæ personæ, & quod prædictus Walterus habuit plura alia bona & catalla ultra bona & catalla supradicta, die perpetrationis feloniam prædictæ & postea, apud Baston & alibi in Comitatu prædicto, ad valenciam *xl* & amplius, quæ ad manus hominum Villatæ prædictæ devenerunt. Et hoc petitur pro D<sup>no</sup> Rege quod inquiratur per patriam. Et prædicti homines dicunt ut prius dixerant. Et petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde inquisitio. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Lincolnæ quod venire faciat hic, a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies, *xviii<sup>to</sup>* &c, de visneto de Baston, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, & qui nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Hominibus ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Homines venerunt per dictum attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias &c, ita &c, a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Hominibus ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem dicti homines venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et prædictus Vicecomes retornavit breve cum pannello de nominibus Juratorum, & Ipsi non venerunt. Et concordatum est quod Johannes de Denton Clericus Placitorum hujus Scaccarii assignetur per Commissionem ejusdem Scaccarii ad inquirendam super præmissis. Et fit ei hujusmodi Commissio; mandatumque est ei quod inquireat &c; Ita quod inquisitionem inde habeat hic a die Paschæ in xv dies. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringat præfatos Juratores per terras &c, Ita &c, ad prædictam xv Paschæ, vel interim coram præfato Johanne de Denton in patria si prius &c, ad certos diem & locum quos &c, & dictum est præfatis Hominibus quod expectent diem suum coram præfato Johanne de Denton in patria si &c. Et quod sint hic ad prædictam xv<sup>am</sup> Paschæ ad

audiendum judicium suum &c. Ad quem diem prædicti homines venerunt hic per dictum attornatum suum. Et præfatus Johannes de Denton retornavit Commissionem prædictam sibi in præmissis factam, unacum tenore Recordi & processus prædictorum, & quadam Inquisitione eisdem tenori & Commissioni consuta, coram eo in præmissis capta apud Brunne in Comitatu prædicto die Jovis proximo ante festum Paschæ anno regni Regis Ricardi decimo, prædictis Hominibus Villatæ de Baston per Johannem de Rothewell eorum attornatum ibidem comparentibus, per sacramentum Galfridi Bate, Roberti Hickson, Reginaldi Thurleby, & aliorum Juratorum quorum nomina annotantur in Inquisitione prædicta, quæ est inter brevia executata pro Rege de termino Paschæ anno decimo Regis nunc. Qui quidem Juratores electi triati & jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Walterus Scrivenir convictus pro feloniam & Walterus Ablemere Scrivenir de Baston, qui dampnatus fuit coram Willelmo de Skypwyth & Willelmo de Burgh Justiciariis D<sup>ni</sup> Regis apud Lincolniam in Comitatu Lincolnæ ad assisas ibidem capiendas assignatis, annis regni dicti Regis nunc sexto incipiente & septimo finiente, fuerunt una & eadem persona & non diversæ personæ, & quod idem Walterus non habuit aliqua alia bona neque catalla die perpetrationis feloniam prædictæ nec unquam postea nisi bona & catalla quæ appreciata fuerunt ad Cs, videlicet pannos laneos & lineos ad valenciam *xl s*, vasa ænea & lignea ad valenciam *xx s*, libros ad valenciam *xiii s iii d*, Ollas & patellas æneas ad valenciam *xx s*, & alia utensilia domus ad valenciam *vi s viii d*, quæ post felonias per prædictum Walterum factas devenerunt ad manus Johannis Cranmere & Roberti Smyth tunc Constabulariorum Villæ prædictæ, & quos quidem Cs prædicti Constabularii Willelmo Skipwyth Juniori Escaetori Regis in Comitatu prædicto solverunt, & de quibus idem Escaetor in compoto suo ad dictum Scaccarium reddito oneratus existit. Et dicunt quod bona & catalla prædicta non fuerunt majoris valoris quam Cs prædictorum, & quod nulla causa rationabilis est quare homines Villatæ prædictæ de Cs prædictis ab eadem Villata jam exactis, seu de aliqua parcella inde, versus Regem onerari seu satisfacere debent. Et prædicti homines Villatæ de Baston petunt judicium in præmissis. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, consideratum est quod prædicta Villata de Baston de Cs supradictis de precio bonorum & catallorum prædictorum exoneretur & quæta existat prætextu præmissorum, salva actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit.

*Trin. Communia 9 Ric. 2. Rot. 7.*



CH A P. Find for the Townsmen. Whereupon Judgment is given, That the Town, by the S E C T. V. name of *prædicti Homines villatæ de Suthwell*, be discharged of the said Summ of V. *xlvis viiid (c)*.

V. In the Third year of K Henry IV, the Inhabitants of *Westminster* and the *Strande* in the County of *Middlesex* were sued *pro Rege* in the Exchequer by the Name of *Homines Villatæ de Westm[instre] & Stronde*, for Cs the chatells of a Fugitive. A Writ issued to the Sherif of *Middlesex* to levy the same *de terris & catallis* of the said *Homines*. The Sherif returned, that by vertue thereof he had levied to the value of the said Cs. Hereupon, *William Norton* one of the Men of the said Villate came into the Exchequer, and produced a Patent Letter of the Great Seal whereby the King Pardoned and remitted the said Cs to his Liegemen and Commons of the Town of *Westminstre* and *la Stronde*, and also a Close writ commanding the Treasurer and Barons to Discharge them thereof. Upon reading the said Letter and Writ, the said *William de Norton & alii Homines Villatæ prædictæ* by their Attorney Prayed to have a Writ of Restitution. A Writ of Restitution was granted. And Judgment was entred *quod prædicti Homines Villatæ prædictæ exonerentur (d)*.

## VI. The

(c) Not[inghamia]. *The Town of Southwell, by the Name of villata de Sothewell, were charged with xlvis viiid, the chatells of John Skynner, confiscatis pro fuga.*

Et modo a die Sancti Hillarii isto eodem Termino in xv dies, Johannes Evington, Johannes Leddenham, Robertus Barker, homines Villatæ prædictæ, & alii homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii hic per Robertum Halom attornatum suum. Et petunt sibi fieri quod justum fuerit in præmissis, secundum formam dicti brevis. Et facto scrutinio Rotulorum de contentis in in dicto brevi, Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, in Not[inghamia] Derb[ia], quod exiguntur ibidem de Villatæ de Sothewell xlvis viiid, de catallis Johannis Skynner de Sothewell, confiscatis pro fuga, prout patet per rotulos Willelmi de Leek unius Coronatorum Domini Regis Comitatus Not[inghamiæ], sicut continetur in Rotulo de amerciamentis finibus & catallis forisfactis coram Willelmo Thirnyng & Ricardo Sydenham, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad Assisas in Comitatu Not[inghamiæ] capiendas, necnon ad gaolam—. Quibus compertis & præfatis hominibus Villatæ prædictæ expositis, prædicti homines pro se & aliis hominibus Villatæ prædictæ per attornatum suum prædictum queruntur se graviter districtos esse—, & hoc minus juste, Quia dicunt—, *They Plead*.

Ad quod dictum est pro Rege—. *The Kings Attorney Replies*. Et hoc petitur pro Domino Rege quod inquiretur per patriam. Et prædicti homines dicunt ut prius dixerant; Et petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Venire facias *is awarded*. *The Justices of Assize are by Commission of the Exchequer assigned to Enquire. They took an Inquisition*. Ad quem diem prædicti homines Villatæ de Southwell venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et Willelmus Thirnyng & Willelmus de Waldeby Justiciarii Domini Regis ad Assisas *retorned an Inquisition* in hæc verba. Inquisitio capta apud Notyngham in Comitatu Notyngham[iæ] *before Such Justices Such a time,*

virtute quorundam Commissionis & Recordi de Scaccario Domini Regis, eisdem Justiciariis super quibusdam articulis in eisdem Commissione & Recordo specificatis missorum, & huic Inquisitioni confutorum—. *The Verdict is for the Men of Southwell*. In cujus rei testimonium huic Inquisitioni prædicti Juratores Sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Data die anno & loco supradictis. Et prædicti Homines Villatæ de Suthwell petunt judicium in præmissis. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est quod prædicti Homines Villatæ de Suthwell de xlvis viiid prædictis, ab eis ut prædictum est exactis, erga Regem exonerentur & quieti existant, prætextu præmissorum. Salva semper actione Regis, si alias inde loqui voluerit. *Hil. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 4.*

(d) Midd[elfexia]. De Hominibus Villatæ de Westm[instre] & Stronde exonerandis de Cs ab eis exactis pro evasione Rogeri Hadham Wafre.

Exactis de Hominibus Villatæ de Westm[instre] & Stronde Cs pro evasione cujusdam Rogeri Hadham Wafre, qui ad Ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ de Stronde pro diversis felonis nuper fugit, & abinde pro defectu bonæ custodiæ Villæ prædictæ evasit, prout per cognitionem suam propriam est compertum, sicut continetur in Rotulo de finibus factis necnon catallis forisfactis coram D<sup>no</sup> Rege nunc anno regni sui secundo, Præceptum fuit Vicecomiti Midd[elfexiæ] per breve hujus Scaccarii datum xxvi<sup>o</sup> die Novembris hoc anno tertio, quod non omitteret &c, quin &c, & de terris & catallis prædictorum Hominum Villatæ de Westm[instre] & Stronde in Balliva sua fieri faceret Cs prædictos, Ita quod denarios illos haberet hic in Craftino sancti Hillarii hoc termino, Domino Regi solvendos. Et ad prædictum Craftinum sancti Hillarii Vicecomites Londoniæ & Midd[elfexiæ] videlicet Willelmus Fremelyngham & Willelmus Venour retornarunt breve indorsatum sic, Virtute istius brevis cepimus in manum D<sup>ni</sup>



CHAP. VI. The Town of *Scalby* in *Lincolnshire* being Charged in the *Great Roll of S E C T.*

V. the Second year of K *Henry IV.* with viii *l* xvi *d* the residue of ix *l* of the forfeited goods of *John Mody* a Fugitive for Felony, the Summone of the Exchequer issued for levying the same *pro Rege*. Hereupon, *John Clerk* and Others Men of the Town of *Scalby* came into the Exchequer, and Pleaded that they ought not to be distreined for the said viii *l* xvi *d*, for that the same was answered to the King by *William Skipwyth* late Escheatour of the said County, as appeareth by the Accompt of the said Escheatour; and Prayed that the said Accompt may be viewed. Upon search, it was found that the said Escheatour answered to the King for the said summ of viii *l* xvi *d* upon his Accompt. The Barons of the Exchequer adjudged, *quod prædicta Villata exoneretur & quieta fiat (e)*.

VII. In

D<sup>ni</sup> Regis de bonis & catallis terris & tementis hominum villatæ de Westm[instre] & Stronde infra scriptorum ad valenciam Cs, ad quæ nondum invenimus emptores. Super quo, xvi<sup>o</sup> die Februarii dicto anno tertio, Willelmus Norton unus hominum Villatæ prædictæ venit hic coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii in propria persona sua. Et detulit hic breve D<sup>ni</sup> Regis nunc Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter brevia directa Baronibus de hoc termino rotulo xix<sup>o</sup>, in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & D<sup>nus</sup> Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum quarto die Februarii proximo præterito de gratia nostra speciali perdonavimus dilectis ligeis & Communibus nostris Villæ Westm[instre] & de la Stronde, illos centum solidos quos nobis ad Scaccarium nostrum solvere deberent, pro evasione cujusdam Rogeri Hadham Wafre, qui ad Ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ de la Stronde pro diversis felonis nuper fugit, & abinde pro defectu bonæ custodiæ Communium prædictorum evasit, eo quod Vicecomes noster Midd[elfexiæ] dictos Centum solidos ad opus nostrum levavit seu cepit & seisivit in manus nostras, ac quibuscumque districtionibus pro eisdem non obstantibus; prout in Literis nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur: Vobis mandamus, quod demandæ quam eisdem Communibus ad respondendum nobis de prædictis Centum solidis per summonitiones Scaccarii prædicti fieri facitis superfederi & tam ipsos quam Vicecomitem nostrum Comitatus prædicti, ac alios quoscumque, inde ad idem Scaccarium exonerari & prout justum fuerit quietos esse faciatis]. T meipso apud Westm[instre] xiiii<sup>o</sup> die Februarii anno regni nostri tercio. Et tenor Literarum patencium de quibus in dicto brevi fit mencio sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & D<sup>nus</sup> Hiberniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciat is quod de gratia nostra speciali perdonavimus dilectis ligeis & Communibus nostris Villæ Westm[instre] & de la Stronde illos Centum solidos quos nobis ad Scaccarium nostrum solvere deberent pro evasione cujusdam Rogeri Hadham Wafre, qui ad Ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ de la Stronde pro diversis felonis nuper fugit, & abinde pro defectu bonæ custodiæ Communium prædictorum evasit, eo quod Vicecomes noster Meddelfexiæ dictos

Centum solidos ad opus nostrum levavit seu cepit & seisivit in manus nostras, ac quibuscumque districtionibus pro eisdem non obstantibus. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. T meipso apud Westm[instre] quarto die Februarii anno regni nostri tercio. Quibus brevibus & Literis per Barones visis & intellectis, prædictus Willelmus de Norton & alii Homines Villatæ prædictæ per Nicholaum Durant eorum Attornatum petunt breve Vicecomiti Midd[elfexiæ] dirigendum, de restituendo ipsis Hominibus bona & catalla per ipsos Vicecomites in manu Regis ut præmittitur seivita; Habendum eisdem hominibus secundum vim & effectum Literarum Regis patentium prædictarum; quod concessum est eis. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Midd[elfexiæ] per breve hujus Scaccarii datum xxiiii<sup>o</sup> die Februarii hoc termino, quod illa bona & catalla ad valenciam Cs prædictorum quæ cepit in manus Regis de Hominibus Villatæ prædictæ eisdem Hominibus liberet indilate. Et ulterius Consideratum est per Barones, quod prædicti Homines Villatæ prædictæ de Cs erga Regem exonerentur & quieti existant, prætextu perdonationis prædictæ; Salva semper actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. *Hil. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 8.*

(e) *Lincoln[scira]*. De Hominibus Villæ de *Scalby* exonerandis de viii *l* xvi *d* de precio bonorum & catallorum quæ fuerunt *Johannis Mody* felonis suspensi.

Memorandum quod cum exigantur per Summonitionem hujus Scaccarii de Villata de *Scalby* viii *l* xvi *d* de remanente de ix *l* de bonis & catallis *Johannis Mody* de *Scalby* de felonia indictati pro fuga forisfactis sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno secundo Regis nunc in Item *Lincoln*. Quidam *Johannes Clerk* de *Scalby* (*there is a Blank in the Roll as here*) & alii Homines Villæ de *Scalby* venerunt coram Baronibus hic xx<sup>o</sup> die Junii hoc termino, per Ricardum Whyte Attornatum suum, & queruntur se graviter districtos esse per Vicecomitem dicti Comitatus *Lincoln* pro viii *l* xvi *d* prædictis Regi solvendis, & hoc minus juste; quia dicunt quod responsum est D<sup>no</sup> Regi per Willelmum Skipwyth nuper Escheatorem D<sup>ni</sup> R secundi nuper Regis Angliæ in Comitatu *Lincoln* de viii *l* xvi *d* prædictis, prout patet per computum ejusdem nuper Escheatoris



CHAP. VII. In the same Third year of K Henry IV, the Town of Cotyngham in York-S E C T.

V. shire stood charged in an Escheatours Accompt with certain Goods of Felons. The VII.

Sherif of *Yorkshire* was commanded by writ, to distrein those who were Constables of That Town the Sixth day of *September* in the Twentythird year of K *Richard II*, and the Town of *Cotyngham*, to appear in the Exchequer, to answer and satisfy the King for the said Felons-goods or the price thereof. At the Return-day of the Writ, the Sherif returned that the said Town was distreined; but that it did not appear to him who were Constables of the Town the Sixth day of *September* above-said. However at the said Return-day, *John de Brigg* and *Robert Watson* (who said they were Constables of the said Town the said Sixth day of *September*) and Others, Men of the said Town, appeared in the Exchequer. They Plead, that the said Felons goods or any part thereof or any other Felons-goods never came to the hands of the said Constables and Townsmen or any of them. Issue is joined thereon to be Tryed in the Countrey. At the Tryal the said Constables and other Townsmen appeared. The Jury Found for the said Constables and Townsmen. They Pray Judgment. The Court adjudgeth, that the said *John de Brigg Robert Watson* and the Other Men of the Town of *Cotyngham eant sine die (f)*.

VIII. In

caetoris de exitibus ejusdem Escaetriæ, videlicet a xxx die Novembris anno regni dicti nuper Regis quinto, usque xxx<sup>um</sup> diem Novembris anno septimo ejusdem nuper Regis; & petunt quod compotus ille videatur, & quod fiat eis quod justum fuerit in præmissis. Et unde scrutatis Rotulis &c, Compertum est in Rotulo de particulis compoti prædicti nuper Escaetoris per tempus prædictum, quod idem nuper Escaetor respondet ibidem de viii<sup>l</sup> xvi<sup>d</sup> receptis de precio diversorum bonorum & catallorum Johannis Mody de Scalby felonis & fugitivi pro morte Ricardi filii Willelmi de eadem, & ea de causa in manum Regis captorum & seistorum, & sic per quandam Inquisitionem inde coram eodem Escaetore apud Glaunforthbrigg ex Officio suo captam appreciatorum videlicet sex equis precii xiii<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup>, ii bovettis precii viii<sup>s</sup>, iii vaccis precii xvi<sup>s</sup>, xl multonibus & agnis precii lx<sup>s</sup>, vi quarteriis brasii precii xx<sup>s</sup>, ii patellis æneis una olla ænea precii iiii<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup>, una carecta debili cum toto apparatu precii viii<sup>s</sup> viii<sup>d</sup>, x acris frumenti ordeï & pisarum precii xxv<sup>s</sup>, cunis & aliis utensilibus domorum precii viii<sup>s</sup>, in manibus Constabulariorum Villæ prædictæ inventis. Quibus compertis, prædicti homines Villæ de Scalby petunt exonerari & quietos fieri de prædictis viii<sup>l</sup> xvi<sup>d</sup> ab eis exactis per summotionem Pipæ de remanenti ix<sup>l</sup> prædictarum ut prædictum est. Et visis præmissis per Barones habitaque deliberatione inde inter eodem, Consideratum est quod prædicta Villata exoneretur de prædictis viii<sup>l</sup> xvi<sup>d</sup> & inde quietata fiat prætextu præmissorum, Salva semper accione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. *Trin. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 15.*

(f) Ebor. De Villata de Cotyngham exoneranda de diversis bonis & catallis per diversos apud Cotyngham felonice furatis.

Memorandum quod compertum est in Rotulo de particulis compoti Johannis de Routh nuper Escaetoris D<sup>ni</sup> Ricardi secundi nuper Regis Angliæ in Comitatu Ebor[aci], de exitibus ejusdem Escaetriæ ab ultimo die Octobris anno regni dicti nuper Regis xxi<sup>o</sup>, usque

xxvi<sup>um</sup> diem Novembris anno Regni D<sup>ni</sup> Regis nunc primo, quod idem nuper Escaetor respondet in compoto suo prædicto de diversis bonis & catallis subscriptis precii xxvii<sup>l</sup> xviii<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup>, quæ fuerunt Thomæ de Holme de Cotyngham, Edmundi Flesshewer de eadem, Johannis Chamberlayn de eadem, & Roberti Webster de eadem, qui citra festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno regni dicti nuper Regis R xxiii<sup>o</sup>, apud Cotyngham felonice furati fuerunt de Willelmo de Hoton Capellano de Cotyngham xlvi<sup>l</sup> in pecunia numerata, & qui statim post feloniam factam ibidem fugam fecerunt, videlicet de octo bobus, quatuor vaccis, quinque juvencis, quater xx ovibus, quatuor porcis, quatuor porcellis, bladis in grangia, videlicet ordeo pisis & avenis, & bladis seminatis & crescentibus, & utensilibus domus precii xxl<sup>l</sup> xiii<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup>, quæ fuerunt præfati Thomæ apud Cotyngham die felonie prædictæ, bobus vaccis porcis vitulis pannis lineis & laneis vasis & utensilibus domus precii Cs, quæ fuerunt prædicti Edmundi apud Cotyngham prædictam die prædicto, pannis lineis & laneis, vasis æneis & æreis\*, & utensilibus domus, pretii xxx<sup>s</sup>, quæ fuerunt præfati Johannis Chamberlayn apud dictam Villam de Cotyngham eodem die, pannis lineis & laneis & utensilibus domus precii xv<sup>s</sup>, quæ fuerunt prædicti Roberti Webster die supradicto, eaque de causa Regi forisfactis, & sic appreciatis, sicut continetur in Inquisitione coram præfato nuper Escaetore capta; eo quod bona & catalla prædicta ad manus Constabulariorum & Villatæ de Cotyngham devenerunt, qui ea aut precium eorundem præfato nuper Escaetori omnino reddere recusarunt. De quibus quidem bonis & catallis iisdem Constabularii & Villata debent Regi respondere. Et tenor Inquisitionis prædictæ sequitur in hæc verba. *Here followeth the Inquisition taken by the Escheatour.* Per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti Comitatus Ebor., quod distringeret illos qui fuerunt Constabularii dictæ Villæ de Cotyngham sexto die Septembris dicto anno xxiii<sup>o</sup> dicti nuper Regis, & præfatam Villatam de Cotyngham per terras &c, Ita &c, hic in

Craftino

\* Ita in Rotulo.



CHAP. VIII. In or about the same Third year of K Henry IV, the Constables and Vill-S E C T.  
V. late of *Wakefeld* in *Yorkshire* stood charged in an Escheatours Accompt with cer- VIII.  
tain Felons-goods. Upon this Charge, the said Constables and Villate were attached  
to answer and satisfy the King for the said goods or the price of them. *John Wayte*  
Constable and Other Men of the Villate of *Wakefeld* do appear, and plead that the  
said

Craftino sancti Michaelis hoc termino, ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de bonis & catallis prædictis aut precio eorundem.

Et ad prædictum Craftinum Vicecomes videlicet Thomas Brounflete retornavit breve, & mandavit quod prædicta Villata districta est, Et exitus &c; mandavit etiam idem Vicecomes, quod de nominibus illorum qui fuerunt Constabularii dictæ Villæ de Cotyngnam sexto die Septembris supradicti, nullo modo sibi constare potuit. Tamen ad eundem Craftinum sancti Michaelis, quidam Johannes de Brigg, Robertus filius Thomæ Watson, asserentes se fuisse Constabularios dictæ Villæ de Cotyngnam sexto die Septembris supradicti, & alii Homines Villæ de Cotyngnam, venerunt hic per Robertum Fraunkelayn Attornatum suum, & protestando quod non cognoscunt prædicta bona & catalla quæ fuerunt prædictorum Thomæ Holme Edmundi Flesshewer Johannis Chamberlayn & Roberti Webster esse tanti valoris prout per prædictam Inquisitionem supponitur, dicunt quod bona & catalla prædicta ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & Hominum numquam devenerunt, nec aliqua parcella inde devenit, nec aliqua alia bona seu catalla quæ fuerunt prædictorum Thomæ Holme Edmundi Flesshewer Johannis Chamberlayn & Roberti Webster, seu eorum alicujus, apud Cotyngnam nec alibi infra Comitatum prædictum, ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & Hominum Villatæ de Cotyngnam, nec alicujus eorum devenerunt. Et quod nulla causa rationabilis subest, quare Constabularii & Homines prædicti de bonis & catallis prædictis seu aliqua parcella eorundem, sive de precio eorundem erga D<sup>num</sup> Regem onerari debent. Et hæc omnia & singula prætendunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c.

Ad quod dictum est pro Rege, quod bona & catalla prædicta precii xxvii / xviii s iiii d ad manus Constabulariorum & Villatæ de Cotyngnam devenerunt, prout per Inquisitionem prædictam supponitur. Et hoc petitur pro D<sup>no</sup> Rege quod inquiratur per patriam. Et prædicti Johannes de Brigg Robertus filius Thomæ Watson & prædicta Villata de Cotyngnam dicunt ut prius dixerant. Et petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Ebor., quod venire faciat hic a die sancti Hilarii in xv dies xviii &c, de visneto de Cotyngnam, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, Et qui nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis nuper Constabulariis & aliis Hominibus Villæ de Cotyngnam, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. *There are some Adjournments.* Postea scilicet die Martis in secunda septimana Quadragesimæ infra specificato, apud Ebor-

[acum] in Comitatu Ebor[aci], coram Willelmo Gascoigne Capitali Justiciario &c. infranominato, associato sibi Thoma Tildeslay per formam statuti &c, venerunt Johannes de Brigg Robertus filius Thomæ Watson infranominati & alii Homines Villatæ de Cotyngnam per Attornatum suum infranominatum. Et Juratores exacti similiter venerunt. Et super hoc facta publica proclamatione prout moris est, si quis pro D<sup>no</sup> Rege prosequi calumpniare aut informare sciret vel vellet dictos Juratores super infracontentis, quod tunc veniret ibidem eosdem Juratores pro D<sup>no</sup> Rege inde plenius informandos. Et super hoc venerunt Robertus Tirwhit serviens D<sup>ni</sup> Regis ad legem, & Willelmus Lodyngton attornatus ipsius Regis ad legem, & asserunt se pro Domino Rege in præmissis informare. Super quo processum est ad captionem Inquisitionis prædictæ per Juratores prius impanellatos & modo comparentes; qui quidem Juratores ad veritatem super infracontentis dicendam, in præsentia prædictorum Roberti Tirwhyt & Willelmi de Lodyngton, electi triati & jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod bona & catalla unde infra fit mencio ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & Hominum Villatæ prædictæ numquam devenerunt, nec aliqua parcella inde devenit, nec aliqua alia bona & catalla quæ fuerunt Thomæ Holme Edmundi Flesshewer Johannis Chamberlayn & Roberti Watson infra nominatorum, seu eorum alicujus, apud Cotyngnam, nec alibi infra Comitatum prædictum, ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & Hominum Villatæ de Cotyngnam nec alicujus eorum unquam devenerunt. Et quod nulla causa rationabilis subest, quare Constabularii & Homines prædicti de bonis & catallis prædictis, seu aliqua parcella eorundem, sive de precio eorundem, erga D<sup>num</sup> Regem onerari debeant, in forma qua prædicti Constabularii & Homines Villatæ prædictæ infra placitando allegarunt. Et prædicti Constabularii & Homines petunt judicium in præmissis. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, consideratum est quod prædicti Johannes de Brigg Junior Robertus filius Thomæ Watson & alii Homines prædictæ Villæ de Cotyngnam, quoad respondendum D<sup>no</sup> Rege de bonis & catallis prædictis quæ fuerunt prædictorum Thomæ de Holme Edmundi Flesshewer Johannis Chamberleyne & Roberti Webster, eant ad præsens sine die, prætextu præmissorum; Salva semper actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. *And a Writ issued to the Escheatour, to enquire unto Whose hands the said goods and chatells came, and in whose hands they now are &c. Mich. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 21.*



CHAP. said Goods came to the hands of *John Kent* the elder, and not to the hands of the **S E C T.**  
 V. said Constable or Villate. *John Kent* was summoned to be here on the morrow of **IX.**

St *John Baptist*. The same Day was given to the said Constables and Villate. The said parties were further adjourned to the morrow of St *Michael*. In the mean time K *Henry IV* died. In the First year of K *Henry V*, a Writ issued *pro Rege*, commanding the Sherif of *Yorkshire* to distrain the said *John Wayt* and the other Townsmen of *Wakefeld* to appear and answer touching the premisses (g).

**IX.** In the fifth year of K *Henry IV*, the Townsmen of *Swayneby* in *Yorkshire* were impleaded in the Court of Exchequer at the Kings suit for the chatells of a Felon. In an Escheatours Inquisition they stand Charged by the Name or Style of *Villata de Swayneby*. They come and Plead by the Name of *The Constables and other*

(g) Ebor. De Constabulario & Villata de Wakefeld attachiatis ad respondendum Regi de bonis & catallis pretii xls quæ fuerunt Thomæ Megson de Wakfeld utlagati.

Memorandum quod compertum est in Rotulo de particulis compoti Johannis Routh nuper Escaetoris Regis in Comitatu Eboraci, de exitibus ejusdem Escaetriæ, ab ultimo die Octobris anno regni Dni Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ secundi xxi<sup>o</sup>, usque xxvi<sup>um</sup> diem Novembris anno primo Regis nunc, quod idem nuper Escaetor non respondet in compoto suo prædicto de diversis bonis & catallis, videlicet una murra pannis lineis & laneis & utensilibus domus precii xls quæ fuerunt Thomæ Megson de Wakefeld Vyniter apud Wakefeld, utlagati in Comitatu prædicto, ea de causa Regi forisfactis & sic appreciatis, sicut continetur in quadam Inquisitione inde coram præfato nuper Escaetore ex officio suo capta, & super compotum prædictum liberata, eo quod bona & catalla illa ad manus Constabulariorum & Villatæ de Wakefeld devenerunt, qui ea aut pretium eorundem præfato nuper Escaetori omnino reddere recusarunt. De quibus quidem bonis & catallis precii xls iidem Constabularii & Villata de Wakefeld debent Regi respondere. Et visa Inquisitione prædicta de qua superius fit mencio, quæ est inter particulas compoti prædicti, cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba, Inquisitio capta apud Ledys, die Lunæ proximo post festum sancti Barnabæ Apostoli, anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum Angliæ xxiii<sup>o</sup>, coram Johanne de Routh Escaetore Dni Regis in Comitatu Ebor. virtute officii sui, per sacramentum Laurentii del More Roberti Hancock and ten others, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Thomas Megson de Wakefeld Vyntner, utlagatus in Comitatu prædicto, habuit bona & catalla apud Wakefeld, videlicet unam murram pannos lineos & laneos & utensilia domus ad valenciam xls, quæ quidem bona & catalla devenerunt ad manus Constabulariorum & Villatæ de Wakefeld. Et licet sæpius requisiti fuerunt, dicta bona & catalla seu pretium eorundem solvere seu liberare dicto Escaetori penitus recusarunt. In cujus rei testimonium, Juratores prædicti huic Inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt; Datæ die & anno supradictis. Per quod præfati Constabularii & Villata de Wakefeld attachiati fuerunt essendi hic ad plures dies præteritos, & tandem in Craftino Clausi Paschæ

hoc termino, ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Dno Regi de bonis & catallis prædictis, aut de xls de precio eorundem.

Et ad prædictum Craftinum Clausi Paschæ, Johannes Wayt qui asseruit se fuisse Constabularium Villæ de Wakefeld tempore captionis prædictæ Inquisitionis, & alii homines Villatæ de Wakefeld, venerunt per Thomam Broket & Henricum Preston Attornatos suos; Et protestando quod non cognoscunt prædicta bona & catalla fore tanti valoris, nec prædictum Thomam Megson aliquo tempore utlagatum fuisse, prout per Inquisitionem prædictam supponitur, dicunt quod omnia bona & catalla quæ prædictus Thomas Megson habuit die quo supponitur ipsum utlagatum fuisse, devenerunt ad manus Johannis de Kent senioris; Absque hoc quod aliqua bona seu catalla quæ fuerunt prædicti Thomæ Megson die utlagariæ suæ prædictæ, seu unquam postea, ad manus prædictorum nuper Constabulariorum aut Villatæ prædictæ devenerunt. Et hoc prætendunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Et quia videtur Curia non esse procedendum ad verificationem in premissis admittendam in abscentia prædicti Johannis Kent senioris, Concordatum est quod prædictus Johannes Kent senior veniat &c, ad respondendum Regi de bonis & catallis prædictis. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Ebor. quod venire faciat hic in Craftino sancti Johannis Baptistæ præfatum Johannem Kent seniore, ad respondendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Constabulariis & Villatæ de Wakefeld ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut alias &c, Ita &c in Craftino sancti Michaelis. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Constabulariis & villatæ de Wakefeld, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Postea Dnus Rex obiit. Per quam mortem loquela prædicta remansit sine die. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Comitatus Eboraci de novo, pro Rege Henrico quinto primogenito filio & hærede dicti nuper Regis H quarti, quod distringat præfatum Johannem Wayt & alios homines Villatæ de Wakefeld prædicta per terras &c, Ita &c, sicut continetur in Memorandis de anno tertio dicti Regis H quinti, inter brevia retornabilia de termino sancti Michaelis Rotulo xiiii<sup>o</sup>. *Pas. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 24.*



CHAP. other Townsmen. And Judgment passeth for them by the name of *præfati Constabularii & Homines* (b). SECT. IX.

X. In

(b) Ebor. De Constabulario & hominibus Villatæ de Swayneby occasionatis ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de diversis bonis & catallis quæ fuerunt Roberti Rypon felonis.

Memorandum quod compertum est in Rotulo de particulis Compoti Johannis Routhe nuper Escaetoris Regis in Comitatu Ebor., de exitibus ejusdem Escaetriæ ab ultimo die Octobris anno regni D<sup>ni</sup> Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ secundi xxi<sup>o</sup>, usque xxvi<sup>um</sup> diem Novembris anno primo Regis nunc, quod idem nuper Escaetor non respondet in compoto suo prædicto de utensilibus domus pannis lineis & laneis, bladis & animalibus, pretii vi marcarum, quæ fuerunt Roberti de Rypon Barker apud Swayneby fugitivi pro diversis latrocinis, eaque de causa Regi forisfactis, & sic appreciatis, sicut continetur in quadam Inquisitione inde coram præfato nuper Escaetore ex officio suo capta, & super dictum compotum liberata, eo quod bona & catalla illa ad manus Constabularii & hominum Villatæ de Swayneby devenerunt, qui ea aut precium eorundem præfato nuper Escaetori omnino reddere recusarunt, sicut continetur in Inquisitione prædicta. De quibus quidem bonis & catallis precii vi marcarum iidem Constabularii & homines Villatæ de Swayneby debent Regi respondere. Et visa Inquisitione prædicta de qua superius fit mencio, quæ est in бага de particulis Compoti prædicti, cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Inquisitio capta apud Gisburgh die Jovis proximo post festum Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum Angliæ xxi<sup>o</sup>, coram Johanne de Routhe Escaetore D<sup>ni</sup> Regis in Comitatu Ebor. virtute officii sui per sacramentum Thomæ Cloket *and eleven others*, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Robertus de Rypon Barker qui fugit pro diversis latrocinis, habuit apud Swaynby bona & catalla ibidem, videlicet utensilia domus, pannos lineos & laneos, blada & animalia, ad valenciam vi marcarum, & quæ quidem bona & catalla & animalia ad manus Constabulariorum & hominum Villatæ de Swaynby devenerunt, & quæ quidam bona & catalla & animalia seu precium eorundem dicto Escaetori solvere omnino penitus recusarunt, unde D<sup>no</sup> Regi sunt responsuri. In cujus rei testimonium Juratores prædicti huic Inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt. Data loco die & anno supradictis. Per quod Constabularii & homines Villatæ prædictæ districti fuerunt essendi hic ad plures dies præteritos, & tandem in Craistino sancti Michaelis hoc termino, ad respondendum & faciendum Regi de bonis & catallis prædictis, vel de vi marcis de pretio eorundem.

Et ad prædictum Craistinum sancti Michaelis Robertus del Cley de Swaynby & Johannes Walkere de eadem, qui fuerunt Constabularii dictæ Villatæ de Swayneby dicto anno

xxi<sup>o</sup>, & alii homines Villatæ prædictæ, venerunt hic per Johannem Castre Attornatum suum. Et protestando quod non cognoscunt prædictum Robertum de Rypon Barker aliquod latrocinium fecisse, seu aliquam fugam fecisse, prout per Inquisitionem prædictam supponitur, dicunt quod D<sup>nus</sup> Ricardus nuper Rex Angliæ secundus post conquestum, in parlamento suo apud Westm[onasterium] incepto & usque Salopiam adjornato, anno regni sui xxi<sup>o</sup> tento, perdonavit & relaxavit omnibus ligeis suis Angliæ cujuscunque status seu conditionis forent, & eorum cuilibet, omnimoda escapia felonum, catalla felonum & fugitivorum, transgressionem negligencias mesprisiones ignorancias, & omnes alios articulos itineris, & alia accidencia seu emergencia infra regnum Angliæ, usque in diem Jovis ultimum diem Januarii dicto anno xxi<sup>o</sup>, unde punicio cederet in finem vel redemptionem aut in alias pœnas pecuniarias. Et ulterius dicunt quod nulla bona seu catalla quæ fuerunt prædicti Roberti post prædictum diem Jovis ultimum diem Januarii, ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum seu Villatæ seu alicujus hominis ejusdem villæ devenerunt. Et hoc prætendunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Unde non intendunt quod D<sup>nus</sup> Rex ipsos de bonis & catallis prædictis seu precio eorundem impetere velit. Et petunt judicium &c.

Et visa per Barones perdonatione dicti nuper Regis prædicta, irrotulata in Memorandis de dicto anno vicesimo primo dicti nuper Regis, inter Recorda de termino sanctæ Trinitatis, Rotulo septimo, per D<sup>num</sup> Regem nunc confirmata, dictum est pro Rege quod prædicta bona & catalla precii vi marcarum, quæ fuerunt prædicti Roberti Rypon felonis, ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & hominum villatæ prædictæ, post prædictum diem Jovis ultimum diem Januarii dicto anno xxi<sup>o</sup>, apud Swayneby prædictam devenerunt, prout per Inquisitionem prædictam supponitur. Et hoc petitur pro D<sup>no</sup> Rege quod inquiratur per patriam; Et prædicti Constabularii & homines Villatæ prædictæ dicunt ut prius dixerant; & petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Ebor. quod venire faciat hic a die sancti Hilarii in xv dies xviii<sup>vo</sup> &c de visneto Villæ de Swayneby, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, Et qui nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Constabulariis & hominibus Villatæ prædictæ ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Constabularii & homines venerunt per dictum attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes retornavit breve, cum pannello de nominibus Juratorum. Et ipsi non venerunt. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringat præfatos Juratores per terras &c, ita &c a die Paschæ in xv dies; & idem dies datus est præfatis Constabulariis & hominibus Villatæ prædictæ ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Constabularii



CHAP. X. In the *Great-Roll* of the Sixth year of K *Edward III*, it appeareth, that *John at S E C T.*  
 V. *Water of Edenestowe* in *Nottinghamshire*, *Reginald* son of *Ralph* of the same Town, X.

*Geoffrey* son of *Lambert* of *Carberton*, *Stephen* son of *Gilbert* of the same place, and the rest of the Men of *Edenestowe*, were wont to render yearly to the King Twenty marks, for the Ferme of the Manour of *Edenestowe*, which was the Kings Ancient Demeane. K *Edward III* granted xix marks, part of the said xx marks Ferm, to *Thomas Cheyne* for his life. *Thomas Cheyne* died. In the First year of K *Henry V*, a writ issued out of the Exchequer, commanding the Shcrif of *Nottinghamshire* to take an Inquisition concerning the time of the Death of *Thomas Cheyne* &c, and to Warn the Townsmen of *Edenestowe* to appear and shew cause in the Exchequer, why they should not be charged with the said xix marks from the time of the death of the said *Thomas*. The Sherif returned an Inquisition. He also returned that he had Warned *Nicolas Bate William Gamull* and *William de Rumwode* to appear and shew cause, as the said Writ required. Accordingly the said *Nicolas Bate William Gamull* and *William de Rumwode* came and Pleaded on behalf of the Townsmen of *Edenestowe*. In Pleading they shewed-forth several Patent-Letters of the *Great-Seal* and of the *Exchequer-Seal*, directed to the *Good Men* of the Town of *Edenestowe*, to the *Good Men* of the Towns of *Arnal* and *Edenestowe*, and to the *Tenants* and *Occupiers* of the Lordship of *Edynstowe*, commanding them to pay the said yearly pension or summ of xix marks to the several persons named in

bularii & homines Villatæ prædictæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum; & Vicecomes retornavit breve, & mandavit quod prædicti Juratores districti sunt, Et exitus &c; Et ipsi non venerunt; Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias, quod distringat præfatos Juratores per terras &c, Ita &c a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Constabulariis & hominibus ad audiendum & faciendum &c. Et continuato processu isto per præfixionem dierum tam versus præfatos Juratores quam versus dictos Constabularios & homines Villatæ prædictæ in præmissis, usque xv<sup>am</sup> sancti Hillarii anno sexto Regis nunc, sicut continetur in ligulis brevium in Ebor. Quo die prædicti Constabularii & homines Villatæ prædictæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes retornavit breve. Et mandavit quod prædicti Juratores districti sunt, Et exitus &c. Et ipsi non venerunt. Et concordatum est quod Robertus de Malton Ingrossator hujus Scaccarii assignetur per Commissionem hujus Scaccarii ad inquirendum super præmissis. Et fit ei hujusmodi Commissio; mandatumque est ei quod inquiret &c, Ita quod Inquisitionem inde habeat hic a die Paschæ in xv dies. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut pluries quod distringat præfatos Juratores per terras &c, Ita &c ad prædictam xv<sup>am</sup> Paschæ hic, vel interim coram præfato Roberto de Malton in patria, si prius &c, ad certos diem & locum quos &c. Et dictum est præfatis Constabulariis & hominibus Villatæ prædictæ quod expectent diem suum coram præfato Ingrossatore in patria si &c. Et quod sint ibidem ad prædictam xv<sup>am</sup> Paschæ ad audiendum judicium suum &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Constabularii & Homines Villatæ prædictæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et prædictus Robertus de Malton retornavit Commissionem prædictam sibi in præmissis factam, unacum tenore Recordi & processu prædictorum, & prædicta Inquisitione eidem Commissioni confuta, quæ sunt

inter brevia executi pro Rege de termino Paschæ dicto anno sexto in Ebor.; cujus quidam Inquisitionis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Inquisitio capta apud Helmeslay, die Jovis in tertia septimana quadragesimæ anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum sexto, coram Roberto de Malton Ingrossatore de Scaccario Domini Regis, virtute Commissionis ejusdem Domini Regis eidem Roberto inde directæ & huic Inquisitioni confutæ, in præsentia Roberti del Cley de Swayneby & Johannis Walker de eadem nuper Constabulariorum ejusdem Villæ, & aliorum hominum prædictæ Villæ ibidem comparencium per Thomam Maperlay Attornatum suum, factaque proclamatione pro Domino Rege prout moris est, quod si quis Juratores hujus Inquisitionis pro eodem Domino Rege informare vel calumpniare velit, veniret & audiretur. Et nullus ad hoc faciendum se profert. Super quo processum est ad captionem Inquisitionis prædictæ, per sacramentum Willelmi de Clyff and eleven others; Qui electi triati & Jurati dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod nulla bona seu catalla quæ fuerunt Roberti de Rypon Barker, post ultimum diem Januarii anno regni Domini Ricardi secundi nuper Regis Angliæ vicesimo primo, devenerunt ad manus prædictorum nuper Constabulariorum, seu Villatæ prædictæ, seu alicujus hominis ejusdem Villæ, prout ipsi placitando allegarunt. In cujus rei testimonium Juratores prædicti huic Inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt. Data die & anno prædictis. Et prædicti Constabularii & Homines Villatæ prædictæ petunt judicium suum &c. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, dictum est præfatis Constabulariis & Hominibus, quod quoad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de bonis & catallis prædictis, sive de dictis vi marcis de precio eorundem, eant ad præsens sine die, prætextu præmissorum; Salva semper actione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit.

*Mich. Communia 5 Hen. 4. Rot. 20.*



CH A P. in the said Patent-Letters, out of the yearly Ferme of the said Town. They like- S E C T.  
 V. wife Plead, that they did from time to time pay the said yearly pension or sum, X.  
 according to the tenour of the said several Patent-Letters. Wherefore they Pray  
 to be Discharged of the said yearly sum of xix marks at the Kings Exchequer,  
 from the time of the death of the said *Thomas Cheyne* (i).

XI. In

(i) Not. Derb. De Hominibus Villæ de Edeneftowe præmuniendis, ad ostendendum quare ipsi de xix marcis. per annum de firma Villæ suæ, a tempore mortis Thomæ Cheyne hucusque, erga Regem onerari non debent.

Memorandum quod compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno sexto Regis E tercii proavi Dni Regis nunc, in Not. Derb., quod Johannes juxta aquam de Edeneftowe, Reginaldus filius Radulphi de eadem, Galfridus filius Lamberti de Carberton, Stephanus filius Gilberti de eadem, & cæteri Homines de Edeneftowe & membris ejusdem, solebant reddere Regi annuatim xx marcas de firma Manerii de Edeneftowe cum membris, quod est dominicum Regis, sicut continetur in Rotulis xvº & xº, & in Rotulo xxxiiº Regis E filii Regis H, & quod dictus nuper Rex E tercius xiiº die Novembris anno regni sui tricesimo quinto, pro bono servicio quod dilectus valettus suus Thomas Cheyne eidem nuper Regi impendit, concessit ei xix marcas de firma sua, Habendum ad totam vitam ipsius Thomæ; sicut continetur in Memorandis de anno xxxviiiº dicti Regis E proavi, inter Recorda de termino Trinitatis, Rotulo xiiº. Et dato Curie intelligi quod prædictus Thomas adiu est obiit, a tempore cujus mortis Regi de xix marcis prædictis satisfieri debet, & quod diversi homines post mortem ejusdem Thomæ firmam prædictam perceperunt & habuerunt, & percipiunt in præfenti & in usus suos proprios converterunt, Regem inde subtiliter excludendo, per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti Not[inghamiæ] & Derb[iæ], quod aliqua libertate non obstante, per sacramentum proborum & legalium Hominum de balliva sua per quos &c, diligenter inquireret quibus die & anno prædictus Thomas obiit, & quis vel qui firmam prædictam post mortem dicti Thomæ perceperunt & percipiunt in præfenti, qualiter & quo modo & ex qua causa, & quod Inquisitionem inde distincte & aperte captam haberet hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies, & ulterius fieri faceret quod &c, & quod præmunire faceret homines Villæ prædictæ essendi hic ad diem & locum prædictos, ad ostendendum & proponendum, si quid pro se haberent vel dicere scirent, quare de xix marcis prædictis a tempore mortis prædicti Thomæ hucusque versus Regem onerari & inde satisfacere non debent. Ad quem diem prædictus Vicecomes videlicet Willelmus Rygmayden retornavit breve prædictum sibi in præmissis directum, unacum quadam Inquisitione eidem brevi confuta, quæ sunt in ligula brevium de termino sancti Michaelis hoc anno primo, cujus quidem Inquisitionis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Inquisitio capta coram Willelmo Rygmayden Vicecomite Not[inghamiæ] & Derb[iæ] apud Edeneftowe, die Martis proximo

ante festum Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum primo, virtute brevis Dni Regis inde eidem Vicecomiti directi & huic Inquisitioni confuti, per sacramentum Willelmi Pynnok and eleven others, Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Thomas Cheyne nuper valettus Dni E nuper Regis Angliæ proavi Dni Regis nunc obiit in festo Exaltationis sanctæ Crucis, anno regni prædicti Dni E nuper Regis Angliæ xliiº. Et dicunt quod Rogerus Bellers nuper Vicecomes Comitatum Not[inghamiæ] & Derb[iæ] firmam Manerii de Edeneftowe cum membris percepit & habuit, immediate post mortem ejusdem Thomæ, virtute brevis Dni Regis Hominibus Villæ de Edeneftowe directi, usque vicesimum diem Februarii anno regni dicti nuper Regis E xlvº, a quo quidem xxº die Februarii Robertus Morton pater firmam prædictam percepit & habuit, virtute Literarum dicti Dni Regis E eisdem Hominibus directarum, usque festum sancti Leonardi anno regni Dni Ricardi secundi nuper Regis Angliæ vicesimo, quo die idem Robertus obiit, post cujus mortem Robertus Morton filius & Offota uxor ejus firmam prædictam perceperunt & habuerunt, virtute Literarum dicti Dni R nuper Regis Angliæ secundi patencium eisdem Hominibus de Edeneftowe directarum, usque festum Paschæ anno regni Regis Henrici quarti quinto, a quo quidem festo Ricardus Stanhop nuper Vicecomes Not[inghamiæ] & Derb[iæ] firmam prædictam percepit & habuit, usque festum Clausi Paschæ anno regni dicti Regis Henrici quarti sexto, a quo quidem festo Galfridus Lowether immediate post firmam prædictam percepit & habuit, virtute Literarum patencium dicti nuper Regis Henrici quarti eisdem Hominibus directarum, cujus data est xiº die Augusti dicto anno sexto, usque vicesimum diem Marci anno regni ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici quarti xliiº. Et dicunt etiam quod Willelmus Rygmayden nunc Vicecomes Comitatum prædictorum percepit & habuit firmam prædictam, videlicet pro termino Paschæ ultimo præterito. In cujus rei testimonium Juratores prædicti huic Inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt. Data die loco & anno supradictis. Mandavit etiam idem Vicecomes quod præmunire fecit Nicholaum Bate Willelmum Gamull & Willelmum de Rumwode Homines dictæ Villæ de Edeneftowe, essendi coram Baronibus hic ad diem & locum prædictos, ad faciendum & recipiendum quod breve illud exigebat & requirebat, secundum tenorem dicti brevis per Henricum Ireton Thomam Porter Johannem Bollesour & Galfridum Ball.

Et ad prædictam quindenam sancti Michaelis prædicti Nicholaus Bate Willelmus Gamull



CH A P. XI. In the Second year of K Henry VI, the Villate of Coggeshale in Essex stood S E C T.  
V. Charged to the King in the Roll of Estreats with xx s, for the Goods of a Felon. XI.

Thomas

mull & Willelmus Rumwode Homines Villæ de Edenestowe venerunt hic in propriis personis suis. Et dicunt quod ipsi erga Regem de firma prædicta seu ejus arreragiis a tempore mortis prædicti Thomæ Cheyne onerari non debent; Quia dicunt quod D<sup>nus</sup> E nuper Rex Angliæ proavus D<sup>ni</sup> Regis nunc, dictis Hominibus Villæ suæ de Edenestowe mandavit per breve suum datum xii<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni sui xliiii<sup>o</sup>, quod solverent illas xix marcas annuas de firma Villæ suæ prædictæ Vicecomiti Not[inghamiæ] qui pro tempore fuerit. Cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Hominibus Villæ de Edenestowe in Comitatu Not[inghamiæ] salutem. Mandamus vobis quod illas xix marcas nuper assignatas Thomæ Cheyne nuper valetto nostro, de firma Manerii de Edenestowe, unacum arreragiis inde si quæ fuerint, Vicecomiti nostro Comitatus prædicti ad opus nostrum solvi & habere faciatis indilate; Recipientes ab eodem Vicecomite Literas acquietanciæ receptionem eorundem denariorum testificantes, per quas & præsens breve nostrum vobis inde debitam allocationem ad Scaccarium nostrum prædictum habere faciemus. T venerabili patre T Exon[iensi] Episcopo Thesaurario nostro apud Westm[onasterium], xii<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni nostri Angliæ quadragesimo quarto, regni vero nostri Franciæ tricesimo primo. Per ipsum Thesaurarium, & Magnum Rotulum de anno xliiii<sup>o</sup> in Not. & Derbia. Et dicunt iidem Homines, quod ipsi prætextu brevis prædicti a tempore mortis prædicti Thomæ Cheyne solverunt xix marcas prædictas Vicecomiti Nottinghamiæ, videlicet Rogero Belers pro tribus annis, videlicet annis xliiii<sup>o</sup> xliiii<sup>o</sup> & xlv<sup>o</sup> usque vicesimum diem Februarii anno xlv<sup>o</sup> dicti Regis E tercii, quo die idem Dominus Rex E mandavit aliud breve suum, dictis Hominibus Villæ de Edenestowe directum, quod solverent dilecto Armigero suo Roberto Morton illas xix marcas de firma ejusdem Villæ cum membris ad totam vitam ipsius Roberti. Et ostendunt Curia breve prædictum; cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, probis Hominibus Villæ de Edenestowe salutem. Cum vicesimo die Februarii proximo præterito per Literas nostras patentes, pro bono servicio quod dilectus Armiger noster Robertus de Morton nobis impendit & impendet in futurum —. *The Writ commands the Men of Edenstowe to make the payment to Robert Morton.* Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xxii die Februarii, anno regni nostri Angliæ quadragesimo sexto, regni vero nostri Franciæ tricesimo tercio. Et postea Dominus Ricardus nuper Rex Angliæ secundus post conquestum, concessionem prædictam confirmavit dicto Roberto Morton, per Literas suas patentes datas primo die Julii anno

regni sui secundo, eisdem Hominibus directas; quarum tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, probis Hominibus Villæ de Edenestowe salutem. Cum Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ avus noster —. *The Patent ordereth them to make the payment.* Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium], primo die Julii anno regni nostri secundo. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Homines, quod ipsi prætextu brevis & confirmationis prædictorum, solverunt dicto Roberto Morton xix marcas prædictas per annum a prædicto vicesimo die Februarii dicto anno xlv<sup>o</sup>, usque festum Sancti Leonardi anno regni dicti Regis Ricardi secundi nuper Regis Angliæ xx<sup>o</sup>, quo die idem Robertus Morton obiit. Et dictus Dominus Ricardus secundus nuper Rex Angliæ mandavit aliud breve suum, dictis Hominibus Villæ de Edenestowe directum, datum nono die Maii anno regni sui xix<sup>o</sup>, quod solverent Roberto Morton filio prædicti Roberti Morton, post decessum patris sui, inter alia, xix marcas prædictas ad totam vitam ipsius Roberti filii; cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Ricardus dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, probis Hominibus villarum de Arnal & Edenestowe infra forestam nostram de Shirewode salutem. Cum carissimus Dominus & avus noster defunctus —. *It directs them to pay the money yearly to Robert Morton the Son.* Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] nono die Maii anno regni nostri decimo nono. Et postea Dominus Henricus quartus nuper Rex Angliæ pater Domini Regis nunc, concessionem prædictam confirmavit dicto Roberto Morton filio & Osta uxori ejus, per Literas suas patentes datas tercio die Novembris anno regni sui primo, per breve de Liberate eisdem Hominibus directum, cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, probis Hominibus Villarum de Arnal & Edenestowe salutem. Cum de gratia nostra speciali concesserimus Roberto Morton & Osta uxori ejus viginti & tres libras —. *It directs Payment to them.* Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] tertio die Novembris anno regni nostri primo. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Homines, quod ipsi prætextu brevium prædictorum, a prædicto nono die Maii dicto anno xix<sup>o</sup>, solverunt præfatis Roberto Morton Juniori & Osta uxori ejus xix marcas prædictas per annum, usque festum Paschæ anno quinto dicti nuper Regis Henrici, prætextu brevium prædictorum. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Homines, quod ipsi solverunt Ricardo Stanhop nuper Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Not[inghamiæ], xix marcas prædictas de firma unius anni, videlicet a prædicto festo Paschæ dicto anno quinto dicti nuper Regis H quarti, usque festum Paschæ tunc proximo sequens anno sexto, juxta formam & effectum cujusdam ordinationis in Parlia-



CH A P. *Thomas Granger* one of the Men of the said Villate and the other Men (*ac alii Ho-* S E C T.  
V. *mines*) of the same Town, came before the Barons of the Exchequer, and Plead- XI.  
ed, that the said Felons goods never came to their hands, nor to the hands of any  
one of the Men of the said Villate. But they informed the Court, that the same  
came to the hands of the Abbot of *Coggeshal*. Whereupon the Abbot was sum-  
moned to answer (*k*).

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Parliamento ipsius nuper Regis tento apud Coventre eodem anno sexto; in quo Parliamento ordinatum fuit quod omnia feoda proficua & annuitates, quæ aliquis homo vel fœmina habuit de concessione dicti nuper Regis E, seu dicti nuper Regis Ricardi, vel ipsius nuper Regis H, dicto nuper Regi H a dicto festo Paschæ dicto anno quinto, usque dictum festum Paschæ anno sexto, forent Regi reservata; sicut plenius continetur in eadem ordinatione. De quibus quidem xix marcis pro dicto anno sic Regi reservatis, idem Ricardus Stanhop nuper Vicecomes oneratur & respondet, sicut continetur in compoto suo de annuitatibus eodem anno dicto nuper Regi reservatis, ut intelligunt; petentes quod Rotuli illi videantur &c; & quod fiat eis quod justum fuerit in præmissis. Et postea Dominus nuper Rex Henricus quartus mandavit aliud breve, dictis Hominibus directum, datum xi<sup>o</sup> die Augusti anno regni sui sexto, quod solverent dilecto Armigero suo Galfrido Louthir xix marcas prædictas ad totam vitam ipsius Galfridi; cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, tenentibus sive occupantibus Domini de Edynstowe in Comitatu Notyngh[amiæ] salutem. Cum de gratia nostra speciali —. *It directs Payment.* Teste meipso apud Pountfreyt xi<sup>o</sup> die Augusti anno regni nostri sexto. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Homines, quod ipsi prætextu brevis prædicti solverunt dicto Galfrido Louthir xix marcas supradictas de firma dictæ Villæ de Edenstowe, a prædicto xi<sup>o</sup> die Augusti dicto anno sexto dicti nuper Regis Henrici, usque xix diem Martii anno xiiii<sup>o</sup> ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici quarti; a quo quidem xix<sup>o</sup> die Martii dicto anno xiiii<sup>o</sup>, prædictus Wilhelmus Rygmayden Vicecomes xix marcas prædictas de firma dictæ Villæ de Edeneftowe cepit & habuit virtute Officii sui prædicti, usque decimum diem Junii anno primo Regis nunc, quo die dictus Dominus Rex nunc mandavit breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, dictis Hominibus de Edeneftowe directum, datum dicto decimo die Junii anno primo, quod solverent dilecto Armigero suo Galfrido Louthir xix marcas prædictas, ad totam vitam ipsius Galfridi; sicut continetur in quodam alio brevi Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hic directo, irrotulato in Memorandis de dicto anno primo, inter brevina directa Baronibus de Termino Sancti Hillarii, rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup>; cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum Dominus H nuper Rex Angliæ pater noster per Literas

suas patentes —. *It directs Payment.* Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] septimo die Novembris anno regni nostri primo. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Homines, quod ipsi prætextu brevis prædicti solverunt dicto Galfrido Louthir xix marcas prædictas, de firma dictæ Villæ de Edenstowe, a prædicto decimo die Junii dicto anno primo & deinceps. Et iidem Homines ostendunt Curia tam Literas acquietanciæ ipsorum Rogeri Belers Ricardi Stanhop & Willelmi Rygmayden nuper Vicecomitum, quam prædictorum Thomæ Cheyne, Roberti Morton patris, Roberti Morton filii, & Galfridi Louthir, receptiones firmæ prædictæ testificantes ut prædictum est; petentes proinde de dicta firma xix marcarum per annum, a tempore mortis prædicti Thomæ Cheyne hucusque erga Regem exonerari. *There is no more in this Roll. Trin. Communia 1 Hen. 5. Rot. 4.*

(*k*) Effex[ia]. De Villata de Coggeshale occasionata ad respondendum Regi de xx s de precio unius aveneldi quod fuit Ricardi Smyth felonis suspensi.

Compertum est in Rotulo de extractis finium forisfactorum, necnon exituum & amerciamenorum bonorum & catallorum forisfactorum, coram Willelmo Coggeshale Thoma Rolf & Roberto Darcy Justiciariis Domini Regis ad diversa felonias transgressionem & malefacta in Comitatu Effex[iæ] audienda & terminanda assignatis, apud Branketre, die Jovis proximo post festum sancti Marci Evangelistæ, anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum septimo, quod exiguntur ibidem, de Villata de Coggeshale de precio unius aveneldi quod fuit Ricardi Smyth felonis suspensi, xx s.

Et modo in Craftino Clausi Paschæ hoc termino, quidam Thomas Granger unus Hominum Villatæ prædictæ ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus de Scaccario, videlicet per Robertum Mildenale Attornatum suum; & queruntur se graviter districtos esse per Vicecomitem Commitatus Effex[iæ] pro xx s prædictis; Et hoc minus juste. Quia dicunt quod prædictum aveneldum nunquam ad manus suas, nec alicujus Hominum Villatæ prædictæ devenit. Et hoc parati sunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Set pro informatione Curia, dicunt quod prædictum aveneldum ad manus Johannis Abbatis de Coggeshale devenit. Unde non intendunt quod Dominus Rex nunc ipsos inde impetere velit: Petentes pro Domino Rege quod idem Abbas veniat ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de prædicto aveneldo precii xx s, necnon ad ulterius audiendum & faciendum quod Curia Regis duxerit ordinandum. Et præceptum



CHAP. XII. In the Thirtieth year of K Henry VI, the Town of *Stretton* in *Rutland* S E C T. V. *shire* stood Charged in the *Great Roll* with divers summs, by the name of *Homines* XII.

*Villata de Stretton, Homines Villæ de Stretton, and Villata de Stretton.* Thereupon, *Roger Dalby* Rector of the Church of That Town, *John Clypsham, John atte Welle* the elder, and *John Skypwyth*, Men of the said Town, and all the other Men of That Town, appeared in the Exchequer. In order to get discharged of the said summs, they produce a Patent Letter of the Great Seal. In That Patent Letter it is recited, that the King had before that time granted by his Patent Letter for himself and his heirs to his Men and Tenants of the Town or Lordship of *Stretton*, that the said Men and Tenants and their heirs and successours should be quit and discharged towards the King and his heirs, of all Dismes and quotas of Dismes *a Laicis* for their goods and chatells, which should thenafter be granted in Parliament to the King or his heirs; But that the said Men and Tenants their heirs and successours should be taxed and charged to all Quinzimes and quotas of Quinzimes together with the Men of the Gildable, and not with the Kings Burghs and Towns of Ancient Demeane: It is also recited, that the said Former Patent Letter was revoked by the Statute of Resumption, to the great dammage and desolation of the said Town: Therefore the King doth, by the Patent Letter now produced, grant for himself and his heirs and successours to the said Men and Tenants of the said Town of *Stretton*, and to all the Resiants and Inhabitants thereof now being, and to the Community of the said Town, and to the Men and Tenants of the said Town There for the time being and residing, and to their heirs and successours, that whensoever the Citizens or Burghesses of the Cities and Burghs of the several Counties

præceptum est Vicecomiti Essex[iæ] quod venire faciat hic in Crastino sanctæ Trinitatis præfatum Abbatem de Coggeshale, ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de aveneldo prædicto. Et idem dies datus est præfato Thomæ Granger ac aliis Hominibus Villæ prædictæ, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Thomas Granger & alii Homines Villæ prædictæ venerunt hic per dictum attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes retornavit breve. Et mandavit quod prædictus Abbas manucaptus est &c. Et ipse non venit. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringeret præfatum Abbatem per terras &c, Ita &c in Crastino sancti Michaelis, ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de aveneldo prædicto. Et idem dies datus est præfato Thomæ Granger & aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Thomas & alii Homines ejusdem Villæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes retornavit breve, Et mandavit quod prædictus Abbas districtus est, Et exitus &c. Et idem Abbas venit per Johannem Santon Attornatum suum; & protestando quod prædictum aveneldum non fuit tanti valoris prout pro Domino Rege supponitur; Et pro placito dicit, quod Dominus Stephanus nuper Rex Angliæ, per Cartam suam irrotulatam in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii inter Recorda de termino Paschæ anno primo Regis Henrici sexti, ex parte Rememoratoris Regis, dedit & concessit Deo & Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Coggeshale, Abbati & Monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, in puram & perpetuam elemosinam, totum Manerium de Coggeshale cum omnibus libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus quæ ad dictum Manerium pertinent, & cum quibus idem Dominus Rex Stephanus illud Manerium habebat in manu sua. Virtute cujus concessionis prædictus nunc Abbas & om-

nes prædecessores sui Abbates loci prædicti, ut de jure Ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, fuerunt seifiti de Manerio prædicto cum diversis libertatibus & franchesiis ad dictum Manerium pertinentibus, inter quas quidem libertates & franchises, idem Abbas & omnes prædecessores sui prædicti, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt bona & catalla vocata Wayf & Strayf infra Manerium prædictum, ut de jure Ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ. Et dicit idem nunc Abbas, quod prædictum aveneldum fuit cujusdam Willelmi Bullok. Et quod prædictus Ricardus Smyth clausum & domos prædicti Willelmi Bullok apud Coggeshale prædictam noctanter fregit, & prædictum aveneldum felonice ibidem furatus fuit, & postea prædictum aveneldum infra Manerium de Coggeshale prædictum wayviavit, & fugit usque Villam de Branketre, & ibidem pro suspicionem feloniam arestatus fuit. Et prædictus nunc Abbas, per Thomam Ekefeld servientem suum, prædictum aveneldum per præfatum Ricardum ut prædictum est waviatum ad usum & proficuum dicti Abbatis ut de jure dictæ Ecclesiæ suæ seifivit, prout ei bene licuit; absque hoc quod prædictum aveneldum unquam fuit prædicti Ricardi Smyth aliquo alio modo quam in forma superius declarata; & absque hoc quod prædictus Ricardus Smyth fuit seifitus seu possessionatus de prædicto aveneldo die quo convictus fuit de feloniam prædicta, seu unquam aliquid habuit in prædicto aveneldo post seisinam prædicti Abbatis causa wayviariæ prædictæ. Quæ omnia & singula idem Abbas paratus est verificare &c. Unde petit judicium si Dominus Rex ipsum in hoc casu impetere velit. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies —. *The proceedings are continued-over for several Terms. No Judgment is entred. Pas. Communia 2 Hen. 6. Rot. 1. a.*



C H A P. Counties of *England* should grant a Disme or any quota of a Disme of their move-ables or of their lands tenements or rents to the King his heirs or successours, the lands tenements and rents and the goods and chattells as well of the said Men and Tenants, as also of all and singular the persons inhabiting and residing in the Town of *Stretton*, and of the Community of the said Town, and of their heirs and successours, being within the same Town, should not be taxed or made to pay to the King his heirs or successours such Disme or any quota of it, or be distrainable for the same, Although the said Men and Tenants Inhabitants and Residents of the said Town and the Community thereof, or their heirs or successours consented to the Grant thereof, And notwithstanding they and their ancestours or predecessours did, in any times past, by distress of Collectours of Dismes or Quinzimes, pay such Disme to us or any of our progenitours Kings of *England*, And notwithstanding the said Town, or the Men Tenants or Community of the said Town is not or are not a Town or Community Corporated. The Patent-Letter containeth also a Clause of Pardon and Release. Upon producing this Patent-Letter and also a Close-writ grounded on it, the said Townsmen Pray Judgment may pass for them. Accordingly Judgment is given, that the said Townsmen be Discharged of the said several summs (L).

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XII.

XIII. In

(L) Rotel[anda]. De Hominibus Villæ de Stretton exonerandis de diversis summis ab eis de diversis Quintisdecimis & Decimis exactis, prætextu Literarum Patentium Domini Regis nunc eisdem Hominibus inde factarum & hic irrotulatarum.

Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno xxx<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc in Rotel[anda] quod exiguntur ibidem de Hominibus Villatæ de Stretton in Hundredo de Elneftowe xxxv s id ob. de Decima Regi a Laicis anno xx<sup>o</sup> concessa in Comitatu Rotelandæ, Et de Hominibus Villæ de Stretton Lii s viii d q. de Quintadecima & decima & medietate unius Quintadecimæ & Decimæ Regi a Laicis anno xviii<sup>o</sup> concessis pro Villa de Stretton in Hundredo de Elneftowe in Comitatu Rotelandæ, Et de Villata de Stretton in Hundredo de Elneftowe xvii s vi d q. de medietate unius Quintadecimæ & Decimæ Regi a Laicis anno xxiii<sup>o</sup> concess[arum] in Comitatu Rotelandæ, Et de prædictis Hominibus Villæ de Stretton xxxv s id ob. de Decima Regi a Laicis anno xxvii<sup>o</sup> concessa pro Villa de Stretton in Hundredo de Elneftowe in Comitatu Rotel[andæ].

Et modo in crastino Ascensionis Domini hoc Termino, Rogerus Dalby Rector Ecclesiæ prædictæ Villæ de Stretton, Johannes Clypsham, Johannes atte Welle senior, & Johannes Skypwyth, Homines dictæ Villæ, & omnes alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt hic per Robertum Caldecote eorum attornatum. Et pro exoneratione sua de summis prædictis habenda, detulerunt hic breve Domini Regis nunc de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter brevia executum, pro Rege de hoc termino, Rotulo xii<sup>o</sup>, Cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum octavo die Decembris ultimo præterito, per Literas nostras patentes, de gratia nostra speciali, concesserimus pro nobis hæredibus &

successoribus nostris, Hominibus & tenentibus Villæ de Stretton in Comitatu Rotelandæ, & quibuscumque residentibus & inhabitantibus nunc ibidem, ac Communitati ejusdem Villæ, necnon Hominibus & tenentibus ejusdem Villæ de cætero in eadem Villa pro tempore existentibus sive commorantibus, hæredibus & Successoribus suis, quod quodocunque Cives seu Burgenses —, *This Close Writ reciteth the Patent Letter hereunder set forth, and then goes-on thus*, Vobis mandamus, quod Homines tenentes residentes & Inhabitantes ac commorantes Villæ prædictæ contra tenorem Literarum nostrarum prædictarum non molestetis in aliquo seu gravetis, nec molestari seu gravari permittatis. T meipso apud Westm[onasterium] primo die Maii anno regni nostri tricesimo primo. Et tenor Literarum Domini Regis patencium de quibus in dicto brevi fit mencio sequitur in hæc verba, Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos vicesimo quarto die Julii anno regni nostri decimo octavo, ob reverentiam Dei & caritatis intuitu, ex certa scientia nostra, concesserimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris Hominibus & tenentibus Villæ sive Domini de Stretton in Comitatu Rotel[andæ], quod iidem Homines & tenentes ac eorum hæredes & successores, de quibuscumque decimis & quotis decimarum nobis vel hæredibus nostris, pro bonis & catallis suis extunc a Laicis, in quibuscumque Parlamento nostris vel hæredum nostrorum prædictorum qualitercumque concedendis, erga nos & dictos hæredes nostros imperpetuum quieti essent penitus & exonerati, Volentes insuper, quod iidem Homines & tenentes, ac hæredes & Successores sui, cum Hominibus de Gildabili, & non cum Burgis seu antiquis Villis de Dominicis nostris vel hæredum nostrorum, ad quascumque quintasdecimas vel quotas quintarumdecimarum nobis vel dictis hæredibus nostris extunc concedendas taxati essent & exonerati ac cum eis pro eisdem

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CHAP. XIII. In the Fifteenth year of Q. *Elisabeth*, *Thomas Haukes* and *William* S E C T.  
 V. *Elmer* late Bailifs of the Town of *Witney* in *Oxfordshire* were distrained to XIII.  
 answer

contribuer[ent] prout ante diem prædictum contribuere consueverunt; Et ulterius perdonaverimus & relaxaverimus eisdem Hominibus & tenentibus, omnimoda actiones & demandas debita compota & arreragia nobis ante eundem diem qualitercumque debita sive pertinentia, quas vel quæ nos solus versus ipsos seu eorum aliquem, vel nos conjunctim cum aliis personis seu alia persona habuimus seu quovismodo extunc habere possemus; prout in Literis prædictis plenius continetur. Et licet, virtute Literarum illarum, ac cujusdam brevis nostri superinde confecti & Thesaurario & Baronibus nostris de Scaccario nostro directi, per eosdem Barones consideratum fuerit, quod prædicti Homines dictæ Villæ de Stretton de triginta & quinque solidis uno denario obolo & quadrante, exactis ab eis de quintadecima & decima nobis a laicis anno regni nostri quintodecimo concessis, pro portione bonorum & catallorum suorum in Comitatu Rotel[andæ] erga nos exonerentur & quieti existerent, prout in dicto Scaccario nostro plenius apparet de Recordo, eadem tamen Literæ prætextu cujusdam actus in Parlamento nostro apud Westm. anno regni nostri vicesimo octavo tento facti revocatæ annullatæ & penitus evacuata existunt, ad non solum grave dampnum & detrimentum prædictorum hominum, set etiam ut formidatur in finalem desolationem & destructionem Villæ nostræ prædictæ, sicut ex humili relatione eorundem hominum certitudinaliter accepimus. Nos præmissa considerantes, de gratia nostra speciali, concessimus pro nobis & Successoribus nostris, prædictis Hominibus & tenentibus prædictæ Villæ de Stretton, & quibuscunque residentibus & inhabitantibus nunc ibidem, ac Communitati ejusdem Villæ, necnon Hominibus & tenentibus ejusdem Villæ de cætero in eadem Villa pro tempore existentibus sive commorantibus, hæredibus & Successoribus suis, quod quandocumque Cives seu Burgenses Civitatum & Burgorum Comitatum regni nostri Angliæ decimam seu aliam quotam decimæ quamcunque de bonis suis temporalibus seu mobilibus, aut de terris tenementis seu redditibus suis, nobis hæredibus seu Successoribus nostris qualitercumque concesserint, terræ tenementa & redditus, ac bona & catalla tam prædictorum hominum & tenencium, quam omnium & singulorum inhabitantium & commorantium in dicta Villa de Stretton, necnon Communitatis ejusdem Villæ, & eorum hæredum & Successorum, & aliorum quorumcumque ibidem pro tempore proventurorum, infra eandem Villam existentia, ad solvendum nobis hæredibus seu Successoribus nostris hujusmodi decimam seu aliam quotam inde quamcunque non taxentur, nec aliquid de decimis seu quotis illis quoquo modo ad opus nostrum hæredum seu successorum nostrorum levetur, nec iidem Homines & tenentes inhabitantes & commorantes in

in Villa prædicta, nec Communitas ejusdem Villæ, nec eorum hæredes seu successores sui, nec alii quicumque ibidem pro tempore proventuri in terris tenementis & redditibus, seu bonis suis prædictis, hiis occasionibus distringantur molestentur in aliquo seu graventur, Set de omnimodis hujusmodi decimis & quotis nobis hæredibus seu Successoribus nostris concedendis sint quieti & exonerati imperpetuum; licet ipsi homines & tenentes inhabitantes & commorantes in dicta Villa, & Communitas ejusdem, aut eorum hæredes seu successores, vel alii quicumque ibidem pro tempore proventuri hujusmodi concessionibus sint vel fuerint partes agentes consentientes vel concedentes, aut sit vel fuerit pars agens consentiens vel concedens; eo non obstante quod ipsi & eorum antecessores progenitores vel prædecessores, hujusmodi decimam aliis quibuscunque temporibus elapsis, per districtiones Collectorum decimæ & quintadecimæ hujusmodi, nobis aut aliquibus progenitorum nostrorum Regibus Angliæ ante hæc tempora solverunt, aut quod prædicta Villa, vel Homines tenentes seu Communitas ejusdem Villæ, Villa seu Communitas corporata non existit, non obstante. Proviso semper, quod prædicti Homines & tenentes inhabitantes & commorantes in dicta Villa & Communitate ejusdem, & eorum hæredes & successores, & alii quicumque ibidem pro tempore proventuri, cum Hominibus [de] Gildabili, ad quascunque quintasdecimas & quotas quintarumdecimarum, nobis aut hæredibus seu successoribus nostris exnunc concedendas, debite taxati sunt & onerati, ac cum eis contribuant. Et ulterius de gratia nostra uberiori, perdonavimus remisimus & relaxavimus præfatis Hominibus, & tenentibus inhabitantibus & commorantibus in dicta Villa, & Communitati ejusdem, omnia & omnimoda actiones & demandas debita compota & arreragia nobis ante præsentem diem, pro seu de hujusmodi decimis & quibuscunque quotis earundem qualitercumque debita pertinentia sive spectancia, quas vel quæ nos versus ipsos vel eorum aliquem, tam per nomen Hominum Villatæ de Stretton in hundredo de Elnewestowe in Comitatu prædicto, quam per nomen Hominum Villæ de Stretton in eodem Comitatu, ac per nomen Villæ de Stretton in dicto hundredo de Elnewestowe, necnon quibuscunque aliis nominibus iidem Homines nuncupentur, habemus seu quovismodo futurum habere poterimus, & hoc absque fine seu feodo pro præsentibus Literis nostris, seu Sigillo nostro vel Sigillatione earundem, nobis aliquo modo solvendo, aliquibus Statutis ordinationibus vel actibus ante hæc tempora editis factis sive ordinatis non obstantibus. In cujus rei testimonium, has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. octavo die Decembris anno regni nostri tricesimo primo. Et super hoc prædicti



CHAP. answer to the Queen for the price of certain Felons goods. They appear and SECT.  
V. Plead (m). XIII.

XIV. In

Homines petunt iudicium suum. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis, antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Hominibus in statu quo nunc usque a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Homines venerunt hic per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius in statu quo nunc usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Homines venerunt hic per dictum attornatum suum. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est quod prædicti Homines prædictæ Villæ de Stretton, tam de xxxv s id ob. prædictis ab eis sub nomine Hominum Villatæ de Stretton de prædicta decima Regi a laicis prædicto anno xx<sup>o</sup> concessa ut prædictum est exactis, quam de dictis liis viii d q. a præfatis Hominibus Villæ prædictæ de quintadecima & decima & medietate quintadecimæ & decimæ prædictæ Regi a laicis prædicto anno xviii<sup>o</sup> pro Villa prædicta concessis similiter exactis, Ac de xvii s vi d q. a prædicta Villa de Stretton de medietate unius quintadecimæ & decimæ prædicto Regi a laicis dicto anno xxiii<sup>o</sup> concessa ut supradictum est exactis, & de xxxv s id ob. a prædictis Hominibus Villæ prædictæ de decima Regi a laicis prædicto anno xxvii<sup>o</sup> concessa similiter ut prædictum est exactis, erga Regem exonerentur & quieti existant, prætextu perdonationis prædictæ & aliorum præmissorum. *Pas. Communia 31 Hen. 6. Rot. 15.*

(m) Oxon[ia]. De Thoma Haukes & Wilhelmo Elmer nuper ballivis Villæ de Wytney in Comitatu Oxon[iæ] de pretio bonorum & catallorum Thomæ Vause nuper de feloniam attincti exonerandis, & de eisdem bonis & catallis Roberto permissione divina Wintoniensi Episcopo virtute Literarum patentium nuper Regis Henrici sexti allocatis.

Memorandum quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti Oxon[iæ], per breve Dominæ Reginæ nunc Elizabethæ hujus Scaccarii, datum duodecimo die Februarii anno regni sui quindecimo, quod non omitteret &c quin eam &c, Et quod distringeret Thomam Haukes & Willelmum Elmer nuper Ballivos Villæ de Wytney in Comitatu Oxoniæ per terras &c, Ita &c in Craftino Clausi Paschæ hoc Termino, ad respondendum præfatæ Dominæ Reginæ nunc de pretio diversorum bonorum & catallorum Thomæ Vause de dicta ballivorum Ballivorum de feloniam attincti & convicti, vel ad ostendendum eidem Dominæ Reginæ quare inde respondere non debeant; sicut continetur in Compoto forinsecus Johannis Croker Armigeri nuper Vicecomitis Comitatus prædicti, nuper computantis de exitibus officii sui prædicti, videlicet a festo

sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni præfatæ Dominæ Reginæ nunc sexto, usque idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Dominæ Reginæ nunc septimo. Ad quem diem Georgius Danvers Armiger Vicecomes Comitatus prædicti retornavit breve prædictum sibi in præmissis directum, Et mandavit per indorsamentum ejusdem brevis, quod præfati Thomas Haukes & Willelmus Elmer districti sunt, unde Exitus &c.

Et modo ad prædictum Craftinum Clausi Paschæ hoc Termino, venerunt hic præfati Thomas Haukes & Willelmus Elmer in propriis personis suis. Et petunt auditum brevis prædicti, Et eis legitur; petunt etiam auditum prædicti Compoti forinseci præfati Johannis Croker Armigeri nuper Vicecomitis Comitatus prædicti, in brevis prædicti superius specificati unde breve illud suam primam cepit originem, Et eis legitur quoad bona & catalla præfati Thomæ Vause in hæc verba. Oxon[ia] Berk[escira]. Compotus Johannis Croker Armigeri nuper Vicecomitis Comitatus prædicti, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Dominæ Reginæ nunc Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris &c, sexto, usque idem festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Dominæ Reginæ nunc septimo, scilicet per unum annum integrum; Terras tenementa bona & catalla attinctorum utlagatorum felonum & fugitivorum in Comitatu prædicto, De aliquibus proficuis provenientibus de bonis & catallis diversarum personarum subscriptarum attinctarum in Comitatu prædicto infra tempus hujus compoti non r[espondet], Eo quod eadem bona & catalla ad manus dicti nuper Vicecomitis Comitatus prædicti minime devenerunt, nec aliqua inde parcella devenit, ut dicit super sacramentum suum, scilicet r[espondet] inferius Ballivis de Wytney in prædicto Comitatu Oxon[iæ], pro pretio bonorum & catallorum Thomæ Vause de dicta Villa de feloniam attincti & convicti, prout in prædicto Compoto in Curia hic in custodia Ingrossatoris Magni Rotuli hujus Scaccarii inter alia plenius continetur. Quo lecto & per præfatos Thomam Haukes & Willelmum Elmer audito & intellecto, iidem Thomas Haukes & Willelmus Elmer protestando dicunt, quod prædictus Compotus forinsecus præfati nuper Vicecomitis, necnon processus prædictus ex eodem Compoto forinsecus in forma prædicta emanans, & materia in eisdem Compoto & processu contenta & specificata, minus sufficientia in lege existunt, ad ipsos de aliquibus bonis sive catallis, sive de aliquo pretio eorundem, præfatæ Dominæ Reginæ nunc respondere compellendos. Pro placito dicunt, quod diu ante prædictum tempus dicti Compoti præfati nuper Vicecomitis, & diu antequam prædictus Thomas Vause de feloniam



CHAP. XIV. In the Ninth year of K Charles I, certain Fines were imposed by the S E C T. V. Commissioners of Sewers upon the Burgeses of *Axbridge* in *Somersetshire*. Those XIV. Fines ran against them in the Sommonce of the Greenwax. The Burgeses appear in the Court of Exchequer, and Plead and receive Judgment of Discharge by the name of *Burgeses Burgi de Axbridge* (n):

## XV. Aggregate

Ioniam attinctus fuit, quidam Henricus nuper Cardinalis Angliæ nuper Episcopus Winton[iensis] fuit seifitus de & in Manerio de Wytney in prædicto Comitatu Oxon[iæ] cum suis juribus membris & pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo, in jure Episcopatus sui Wintoniæ prædicti; Et ipse sic inde seifitus existens—*Here follows a Pleading of divers matters.* Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Thomas Haukes & Willelmus Elmer, quod prædicta Villa de Wytney in dicto Compoto & in brevi prædicto superius specificata, prædicto tempore confectiois dictarum Literarum patentium dicti nuper Regis Henrici sexti, & postea prædicto tempore convictionis & attincturæ dicti Thomæ Vauſſe, fuit & modo est parcella prædicti Manerii de Witney cum suis juribus membris & pertinentiis, de quo præfatus Henricus nuper Episcopus Winton[iæ] prædicto tempore confectiois dictarum Literarum patentium fuit in forma prædicta seifitus, & de quo præfatus nunc Episcopus prædicto tempore attincturæ & convictionis præfati Thomæ Vauſſe fuit & modo est in forma prædicta seifitus, Quodque præfatus Thomas Vauſſe prædicto tempore feloniam suam prædictam perpetrata & commissam, & prædicto tempore attincturæ & convictionis suam prædictam, fuit tenens prædicti nunc Episcopi unius tenementi in Witney prædicta, parcellæ prædicti Manerii ejusdem Episcopi de Witney prædicta, & residens infra idem Manerium. Quæ omnia & singula præfati Thomas Haukes & Willelmus Elmer parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c; unde non intendunt quod dicta Domina Regina nunc ipsos in præmissis ulterius impetere seu occasionare velit. Et petunt judicium quod ipsi, quoad ulterius respondendum præfatæ Dominæ Reginæ nunc in præmissis, ab hac Curia dimittantur. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Thomæ Haukes & Willelmo Elmer in statu quo nunc usque a die sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem dicti Thomas & Willelmus venerunt hic in propriis personis suis. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius in statu quo nunc, usque a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem præfati Thomas & Willelmus solempniter vocati in præmissis, non venerunt sed defaultam fecerunt, nec habuerunt in præmissis ulteriorem diem per quod prædictum placitum suum discontinuatur. Super quo præceptum fuit Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Oxon[iæ], quod non omitteret &c quin eam &c, & quod distringeret præfatos Thomam Haukes & Willelmum Elmer ut prius per terras &c, Ita &c in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis.

Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo &c Ita &c; sicut continetur in Memorandis de anno vicesimo primo Reginæ nunc, Hillarii Brevia retornabilia Rotulo... Ideo non fiat hic ulterius executio. *Pass. Communia 15 Eliz. Rot. 9.*

(n) Somers[etia]. De Burgenſibus Burgi de Axbridge exoneratis de quibusdam finibus super ipsos per Commissionarios ad Seweras impositis.

Memorandum quod Burgeses Burgi de Axbridge venerunt coram Baronibus hic, & conqueruntur se graviter & minus rite districtos esse prætextu cujusdam summonitionis de Scaccario, videlicet de Extractis finium impositorum super Juratores, & penalitat[um] forisfact[arum] apud Sessionem Sewerarum, tentam apud Axbridge in Comitatu Somers[etia] septimo die Julii anno septimo Regis nunc Caroli, coram Radulpho Hopton Milite, & Edwardo Rodney Milite, & aliis Commissionariis Sewer[arum] infra prædictum Comitatum Somers[etia], & levand[arum], De Burgenſibus Burgi de Axbridge prædicta, quia non posuerunt sufficientem pontem apud inferiorem finem de Notlake, ante diem Sancti Georgii 1631, xls. and several other sums. Et ad eundem diem iidem Burgeses prædicti Burgi de Axbridge petunt judicium, quod ipsi de prædictis finibus super ipsos impositis per Commissionarios Sewer[arum] prædictos exonerentur. *They Plead in order to have a Discharge. The Kings Attorney confesseth their Plea to be true.* Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est inter eosdem Barones, quod præfati Burgeses Burgi de Axbridge prædicti de prædictis finibus super ipsos impositis per Commissionarios Sewer[arum] prædictos exonerentur, pro eo quod non præsentatum fuit per Juratores ad Sessionem prædictam respective jurat[os], quod prædicti Burgeses sufficientem pontem apud inferiorem finem de Notlake prædicta ponerent, Sed quod prædictus pons esset positus apud inferiorem finem de Notlake prædicta per illos qui illum ibidem ponere debent, Et non constat per præsentationem prædictam, quod Burgeses prædicti pontem illum ponere debuissent, Ac quod medio tempore breve præfati Domini Regis nunc dirigatur præfatis Commissionariis Sewer[arum] prædictarum, ad supersedendum ab impositione talium finium super prædictos Burgeses Burgi prædicti modo & forma prædictis per eosdem ante impositorum, prætextu præmissorum. Salvo jure dicti Domini Regis nunc si &c. *Mich. Communia 9 Car. 1. Rot. 111.*



CHAP. XV. Aggregate Bodies or Communities of men which were not Corporated, S E C T. XV.  
V. were commonly Fined or Amerced, Charged and prosecuted *ad instantiam Regis* in like manner as if they had been embodied by Charter. For instance. In the reign of K John, the Men of the Abbey of *St Marie* at *York*, the Freemen of the Archbishop of *York* dwelling without *Ripun*, and the Rusticks of the Abbey of *St Marie* of *York* were charged to the King in his Revenue-roll with their respective summs for Tallage (o); The Knights of the Earl of *Albemarle* stood charged to the King in xl for Two Prests (p); *Robert Garnoise Eustace le Parker*, and the rest of the Men of *Laxfeld* fined to the King in xxx marks, That the King would confirm the Grant which *Henry* Duke of *Lovaine* made to them of eightscore and three acres of arable land in *Dingiveton-park*, and of xl acres in another part of the same park (q); The Knights and others dwelling between the Rivers *Use* and *Derewent* Fined to the King in communi for certain Liberties (r); The Knights and Free-men who had Woods in *Nassaburgh* Fined to the King in common for several Immunities (s); And the *Englishmen* and *Welshmen* of *Gowerland* in *Wales* Fined to the King in common, to be quit of entertaining the Kings Serjeants of *Swansey-castle* (t). In the reigns of subsequent Kings, other aggregate Bodies of men Fined and were Charged to the King in communi, namely, The Knights of the Bishoprick of *Durham* (u), the Knights of the Honor of the Earl of *Leicester* (w), the Men of Queen *Alienor*, and the Manor of *Hanley* (x), the Knights *Thaynes* and Free-Tenants in the Kings Forest of the Honour of *Lancaster* (y), the Men

(o) Taillagium factum per P Dunelm[ensem] Electum & Socios suos. Cives Ebor[aci] quorum nomina annotantur in Rotulo quem prædicti liberaverunt in thesauro, r c de ix l & xiiiis, de prædicto taillagio. — Homines S Mariæ Ebor[aci] [debent] xlv is & viii d de eodem. Liberi Homines Archiepiscopi Ebor[acensis] extra villam de Ripun [debent] iis de eodem. — Rustici Abbatie S Mariæ Ebor[aci] debent xli s & x d, de taillagio facto tempore quo Willelmus de Chimill habuit bailiam. Hæres Warini Lincoln. debet xlv s, de reragiis reddituum prædictæ Abbatie de tempore prædicti Willelmi. Adam de Sprotelea debet xs de eisdem reragiis. Libere tenentes de eadem Abbatia debent xxxvi s & iiii d de eisdem. Mag. Rot. 1 Job. Rot. 4. b. m. 1. Everwichscira.

(p) Milites Comitatus de Albemare [debent] xl de duobus præstitis. Mag. Rot. 6 Job. Rot. 2. a. m. 1. tit. Bukingeham & Bedefordscira.

(q) Robertus Garnoise & Eustachius Parcarius, & cæteri homines de Laxfeld, reddunt compotum de xxx marcis, pro habenda confirmatione Regis de rationabili donatione quam Henricus Dux Lovaniæ eis fecit, de octies xx & iiii acris terræ arabilis in Parco de Dingiveton, & de xl acris terræ alibi in eodem Parco. Mag. Rot. 10 Job. Rot. 8. b.

(r) Milites & Homines inter Usam & Derewent reddunt compotum de x Palefridis, pro habendis Litteris Regis patentibus, ut possint habere pasturam suam in Foresta, & capere estuverium suum ad ignem & ad ædificia sua, sicut solebant, sine vasto. Mag. Rot. 12 Job. Rot. 19. b. Tit. Residuum compoti de Everwichscira.

(s) De Placitis Forestæ per H de Nevill & P de Liuns. Milites & Liberi Homines qui Boscos habent in Nesso Burgi [debent] Cl & duos Palefridos, pro Boscis suis male custodi-

tis, Exceptis Dominicis Maneriis Abbatis Burgi, & pro habendis Forestariis suis quietos de prisona, & habenda pastura sua in Magnis coopertis extra Bassa Riffleta. Mag. Rot. 11 Job. Rot. 16. b. Tit. Norhantescira.

(t) Falques de Breaute, Johannes de Torfne pro eo, reddit compotum de Cl de Honore de Glamorgan. Anglici & Walenses de Gohier [debent] L marcas & ii chascuros, quod Rex eos quietos clamet de consuetudine quam servientes Regis de Castello de Sweinesel habuerunt comedendi cum prædictis Anglicis & Walensibus. Mag. Rot. 11 Job. Rot. 16. b. Tit. Glamorgan.

(u) Milites Episcopatus Donolmi debent xxx marcas, de fine suo de loquela Gilleberti Hansard. Mag. Rot. 6 H 3. Rot. 10. a. Everwichscira.

(w) Milites Honoris Comitatus Leycestriæ debent de auxilio Vicecomitis Lvl. Memoranda 11 Hen. 3. Rot. 7. a. tit. War. Leyc.

(x) Homines Reginae Alienor & alii contenti in Rotulo vi debent C marcas, ut divisæ perambulentur. Memor. 11 Hen. 3. Rot. 5. b.

Manerium de Henl[ega] debet iiii marcas pro murthero. Ib. Rot. 8. b. Wigorn.

Wygornia. Manerium de Haunleg[a] habet respectum de viii marcis pro murthero; Et averia &c. Memor. 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 7. a.

(y) Milites & Thayni & libere tenentes in Foresta Regis de Honore de Lancastria reddunt compotum de L marcis, pro habenda confirmatione Regis de Carta Regis J quam eis fecit, quod possint nemora sua propria asfartare vendere dare & herbergiare pro voluntate sua, sicut in feodo suo, & de eis voluntates suas facere, absque calumpnia Regis vel hæredum suorum vel Ballivorum suorum; Et quod habeant quietanciam reguardi de foresta; sicut plenius continetur in carta sua quam inde habent. Mag. Rot. 13 Hen. 3. tit. Lancastria.



CHAP V. Men of the County of Devon (z), the Men of the Manor of Ewell (a), the Knights and other Tenants of the Earl of Devon (b), and the Franktenants within the bounds of the Forest of Lancaster (c). In like manner the whole Body or Community of the Jews of England were wont to be Fined amerced and put in Charge to the King, by the name of *Judæi Angliæ, Communitas* or *Universitas Judæorum Angliæ &c* (d). In the Fifth year of K Edward III, the Men and Inhabitants of the Lordship of Chirk in Wales, as a Body or Community, Fined to the King in CC marks, To have the Kings Grant that Chirkland be forever annexed to the Crown, not to be severed from it by Gift Sale Exchange or in other manner (e). And in the Seventeenth year of the same King, they stand Charged with a Debt to the King by the name of a Community (f).

XVI. In Former ages, even the several Districts or Divisions of the Kingdom of England were dealt-with as Communities. A County, a Hundred, a Frankpledge &c was Then wont to be Fined or Amerced *in communi*, and to be tallaged *in communi*, and to be put in Charge to the King in his Revenue-Rolls, by the general name of *Comitatus* Such, *Hundredum* Such &c (g). For example. In the reign of K Henry II, Hundreds Wapentakes and Tedings in the several Counties of England, and even Counties themselves, were wont to be Fined or amerced before the Kings Justices for misdemeanors or trespasses, and to be Charged to the King in his Revenue-rolls for such Fines or Amercements as a Body or *in communi*. The Hundred of Axminster in Devonshire was amerced at x marks for several Murders, and Wunford-hundred at Cs for a Murder. Each Hundred is Charged in the Great-Roll with its amercement. And the Sherif of the County levied it for the King (h). In the Counties of Dorset and Somerset, the Hundred of Craneburne was amerced xx marks for a Murder; Cnolton-hundred xxs for a Murder; Totecumbe-hundred xls for Three Murders; and in like manner other Hundreds in those Counties. The several ameracements are put in Charge for the King, and levied by the Sherif, as is specified hereunder (i). The like was done

(z) *Hist. Exch.* p 288. col. 2. g. anno 14 H3.

(a) Pro Hominibus Manerii de Ewell. Rex dedit respectum eisdem Hominibus de xxxs, de Scutagio de Gannoc & Auxilio ad Fil[ium], usque in octabis Paschæ. *Memor.* 35 Hen. 3. Rot. 1. a.

(b) Milites & alii tenentes Comitatus Devonie [debent] xlix l, de Auxilio ad Militiam Regis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xliii. *Mag. Rot.* 25 Edw. 1. Devoniam.

(c) Omnes libere tenentes infra metas Forestæ Lancastriæ debent xl marcas, de fine pro judicio habendo, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti. *Mag. Rot.* 18 Edw. 1. tit. Lancastria, m. 2. a.

(d) *Hist. Exch.* p 155, col. 2. z. p 167, col. 1. z. p 174. col. 1. e.

*Universitas Judæorum Angliæ* debent MMMMM marcas argenti & xl marcas auri de fine. *Memor.* 35 Hen. 3. parte 2. Rot. 16. dorso.

*Judæi Angliæ* [debent] Cl, ut *Judæi* retutores eiciantur a Regno suo, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxii°. *Mag. Rot.* 37 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia & Middelsexia, m. 1. a.

In like manner the Jews of a particular Town or place. *Judæi* de Norw[ico] debent iiii uncias auri, pro respectu eis dato ad inquirendum de *Judæis* de Londonia, si quidam detentus in Gaiola apud Norw[icum] pro morte cujusdam Hominis fuit baptizatus vel non. *Mag. Rot.* 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 16. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch, m. 2. b.

(e) Homines & Habitatores Terræ Regis

de Chirk in Wallia, quæ fuit Rogeri de Mortuo Mari nuper Comitatus Marchiæ inimici Regis, & quæ per forisfactum ejusdem Rogeri ad manus Regis tanquam escaeta sua devenit, finem fecerunt cum Rege per ducentas marcas pro concessione Regis habenda quod dicta terra de Chirk Coronæ Regiæ imperpetuum sit annexa, & quod extra manum Regiam per donationem venditionem permutationem aut alio quoquo modo non ponetur, Teste Rege apud Westm. xxiiii die Martii. *Originale* 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 44.

(f) Tota Communitas patriæ de Chirk, xxviii xvi s xi d q, de terminis S Martini Nativitatis Epiphaniæ & Purificationis B Mariæ ibidem. *Trin. Brevia Retornabilia* 17 Edw. 3. Rot. — a.

(g) *Hist. Exch.* p 394, 395, 392, & alibi passim.

(h) Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de x marcis, pro multis murdris in Axeministre Hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs, pro i murdro de Wunfordhundredo. *Mag. Rot.* 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 9. b. Devenescira.

(i) Idem Vicecomes r c de xx marcis de Craneburne hundredo pro i murdro.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Cnolton hundredo pro i murdro.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls de Totecumbe hundredo pro iiii murdris.

Idem Vicecomes r c de iiii marcis pro iiii murdris in Hundredo de Bada.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis pro i murdro



CHAP. done in *Wiltshire* (k), in *Hantshire* (l), in *Norfolk* (m), in the Counties of *Cam-* S E C T.  
V. *bridg and Huntendon* (n), in *Devonshire* (o), and in other Counties. In the Fifth XVI.  
year

murdro in Cattesaishundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs pro i murdro de Portberi hundredo.

Alanus Serviens r c de xls pro eodem murdro conclato.

Idem Vicecomes r c de x marcis de hundredo de Cheinesham pro mur[dro] cel[ato].

Abel Serviens r c de Cs pro eodem.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls pro i murdro in Lestana hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls pro i murdro in Tintenhille hundredo.

*Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b. Dorseta & Sumerfeta.*

(k) Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs pro i Murdro de hundredo de Branchesberga.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs pro i murdro de Dunswurde hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs pro i murdro, & placitis celatis de Furstesfeld hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis pro murdr[o] in Cadewurde hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs pro i murdro in Dunton hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de x marcis pro i murdro in Cheggeslawe hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis pro i murdro in Hichtredeberi hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls pro i murdro in Westberi hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis pro i murdro in Ambreberi hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de vi marcis pro ii murdris in Ellestubba hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis pro i murdro in Stodfolde hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de Cs pro i murdro in Ruggeberga hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xl pro i murdro in Selchelai hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs pro i murdro in Dunslawa hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de iiii marcis pro i murdro Tonegraue hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls pro i murdro in Blachingrave hundredo. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. a. & b. Wiltescira.*

(l) Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Eggietha hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Schirlega hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Ruggedich hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Ringewude hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Fordingebrege hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis de hundredo de Cuingara pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de hundredo de Warewell pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls de hundredo de Micheldeura pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xs de hundredo de

Chetelega pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de iii marcis de Bermespetta hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Crundel hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Aislega hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de i marca de Mainesberga hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de i marca de Bantesberga hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls de Boseberga hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Portesdon hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de hundredo de Ferham pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de hundredo de Tichesfeld pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls de hundredo de Wulpette pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Mannebrugg hundredo pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xs de hundredo de Rodbrugg pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de hundredo de Butlegata pro falso iudicio.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis de hundredo de Faleslega pro falso iudicio. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 12. a. & b. Hantescira.*

(m) Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Schrepham hundredo pro falso dicto. *Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. b. Nortfolch & Sudfolch.*

(n) Nordstowehundredum r c de iii marcis, pro placitis Coronæ celatis.

Stapelho Hundredum r c de iiii marcis pro placito celato.

Hurstingestan Hundredum r c de xls pro Placitis Coronæ Regis celatis.

Legtonestan Hundredum r c de xls de placitis Coronæ celatis.

Toleslund Hundredum r c de xls pro placitis Coronæ celatis. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 7. b. Chantebrugescira & Huntendonefcira.*

Idem Vicecomes (Phyllippus de Davintre) r c de xs de Nordstowehundredo, pro placitis Coronæ celatis. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b. Cantebrugescira & Huntedunescira.*

(o) Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis, pro conclamento placitorum Coronæ, in Culiton hundredo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Clyston hundredo, pro concl[amento].

Idem Vicecomes r c de xls de Axeministre hundredo, pro concl[amento].

Idem Vicecomes r c de ii marcis de Hauberton hundredo, pro concl[amento].

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de Wiruge hundredo, pro concl[amento].

Idem Vicecomes r c de i marca de Tavistoke hundredo, pro concl[amento].

Villata



CH A P. year of K *Richard I*, in *Suffolk*, the Hundred of *Stowe*, the Hundred of *Weinesford*, the Frankpledge of *Elfwini Peud*, and other Hundreds, were amerced before JUSTICES ITINERANT for trespasses or misdemeanors, and Charged to the King in his Revenue-Rolls (*p*). In the Tenth year of K *Richard I*, the Towns of *Dunton* and *Lacock* in *Wiltshire*, the Hundreds of *Dolesfeld* *Dunefworde* and *Ambresbirie* were Fined or Amerced before Justices Itinerant of the Forest, and their Debts put in Charge for the King (*q*). Add hereunto the Hundred of *Perfore* (*r*), the Hundred of *Ellesmere* (*s*), and other Hundreds.

Wapentakes and Tedings &c Fined or were Amerced before the Kings Justiciars, and were Charged in the Rolls *in communi* after the same manner. For instance; In the County of *Nottingham* or *Derby* the Half-Wapentak of *Lide* (*t*), in the County of *Lincoln*, the Wapentaks of *Scirbech* (*u*), *Louedon Belteslawe* and *Langebo* (*w*). In the County of *Suffex*, the Tedings of *Isenburne*, *Techeham*, and other Tedings Hundreds Towns and particular men (*x*). In the County of *Leicester* the Soke of *Roeley* (*y*). In the County of *Lancaster* the Wapentake of *Sanford* (*z*).

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Villata de Lideford r c de xxs, pro concel[amento].

Villata de Totenesse r c de iiii marcis, pro concel[amento].

Idem Vicecomes r c de i marca, pro concel[amento], in Freminton hundredo. *Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. a. Devenescira, tit. De Oblatis & Misericordiis Curiae per Rand[ulphum] de Glanv[illa].*

(*p*) De placitis Rogeri filii Rensfredi & sociorum ejus in Sudfolch. Idem Vicecomes debet viiis & xd de Stowahundredo pro murthero. Idem Vicecomes debet iis & vd de Weinesfordhundredo pro murthero. Francpl[egium] Ælfwini Peudi debet i marcam, quia non habuit quem plegiavit; *with the amercements of several other hundreds. Mag. Rot. 5 Ric. 1. Rot. 2. m. 2. a.*

(*q*) De placitis Forestae per G filium Petri & Hugonem de Nevill. Villata de Dunton Willelmi de Anesia r c de dimidia marca pro Veteri Wasto. Vill[ata] de Lacoc r c de dimidia marca pro fuga Radulfi filii Walteri. — Hundredum de Dolesfeld r c de xxs pro transgressionem viridis. Hundredum de Dunefworde r c de xxs pro eodem. Hundredum de Ambresbir[i] r c de xxs pro eodem. *Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 5. tit. Wiltescira, m. 1. b.*

(*r*) Hundredum de Perfore debet Cs pro Murthero. *Mag. Rot. 10 Joh. Rot. 10. a. tit. Wirecestrescira.*

(*s*) Totum Hundredum de Ellesmere debet xx marcas, pro pluribus transgressionibus. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Salop. & Staff. m. 1. a.*

(*t*) Homines de dimidio Wapentac de Lide debent xls, pro placito Coronae celato. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 2. Rot. 4. a. Not. & Derb.*

(*u*) Idem Vicecomes r c de viil & vis & vii d de Scirbech Wap[entachio] pro placitis concelatis; In thesauro Lxvis & vii d, Et debet iiii l. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. Lincoliescira.*

(*w*) Idem Vicecomes r c de x marcis de

Louedonewap[entachio] pro placit[is] Coronae concel[atis] —.

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis de Belteslawewap[entachio] pro placitis concel[atis] & pro murther[is] —. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. Lincoliescira.*

Idem Vicecomes r c de v marcis de Langehowapentachio, pro fugit[ivis] concelatis & postea recognitis; In thesauro xxiii s & iiii d, Et in perdonis, per breve Regis, Militibus de Templo, iiii s & vi d, Et Fratribus Hospitalis v d, Et Monachis de Kirkestona xviii d, Gilleberto de Simpington xvi d; Et debet xii s & ix d. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. Lincoliescira.*

(*x*) Tedinga de Isenburna debet i marcam pro fugitivis quos plegiavit. Lodeswurda debet i marcam pro defalta. Tidinga de Techcham debet i marcam pro plegio fugitivorum. Selinton debet i marcam pro fugitivis quos plegiavit. Pagehamhundredum debet xls pro i murthero. Tedinga de Findon debet i marcam pro fugit[ivo]. Palingeshundredum debet vi marcas pro i murthero. Tedinga de Begenoura debet i marcam pro fugit[ivo]. Tedinga de Werneham debet i marcam pro fugit[ivo] quem plegiavit. Ambresham debet i marcam pro defalta. Radulfus de Burne debet i marcam pro plegio Willelmi qui hominem interfecit. Anfridus Canon[icus] debet xxs pro defalta. Howich debet i marcam pro Hamone fugitivo. Tedinga de Bradewatre debet i marcam pro fugitivo. Hertefeldhundredum debet i marcam pro i murthero. Rederebriggehundredum debet xls pro i murthero. Avesfordhundredum debet xls pro i murthero. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 2. Rot. 7. a. Suthsexa.*

(*y*) Socha de Roelea r c de x marcis, pro habendis libertatibus suis. *Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 7. b. Warewichscira & Legercestrescira.*

(*z*) Communa Wapetac de Sanford reddit compotum de viis pro concelamento; In thesauro iiii s & ii d, Et debet iis & xd. *Mag. Rot. 6 Joh. Rot. 1. m. 1. a. Lancaster.*



CHAP. V. In the County of Southampton the Commonalty of the Soke of Winchester (a), and Alan Plukenets Court of Elynges (b).

SECT. XVI.

Moreover, Whole Counties Fined or were amerced or otherwise stood charged in common. For instance. In the reign of K Henry II and the succeeding Kings, the Counties of Dorset (c), Cambridg (d), and Stafford, for a False Judgment (e); The County of York with a Fine for Hidage &c (f), the County of Bukingham for Carucage (g), the Counties of Huntendon and Oxford, for a Fine before Judgment (h), the County of Lancaster (except Liberties) for a Fine for a Trespass (i), the County of Middlesex for an amercement for a Trespass (k). In the Fortyseventh year of K Henry III, the Whole County of Southampton was amerced for a Trespass (l). In the Thirteenth year of K Edward I, the Whole County of Lincoln was Fined in the Eyre of Martin de Littlebirie, for a False Judgment (m). In the Twenteighth year of K Edward I, the Whole County of Hereford was Fined in the Court of Kings-Bench for a Trespass (n). K Henry III in the Fortieth year of his reign, commanded the Barons of his Exchequer to levy xxl and odd upon the Men of the County of Chester, for the reparation of Chesterbridg (o). And in the Thirtythird year of K Henry VI, the Good Men and Commonalty of Cheshire stood charged to the King with a Fine of MMM marks, for

(a) Tota Communa Sokæ Wyntonie [debet] xls, de Fine pro transgressione, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedente. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Suhamptonia, m. 2. b.

(b) Curia Alani Plukenet de Elynges [debet] Cs, pro falso iudicio, sicut continetur in Rotulo de Amerciamentis de Banco anno iii. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Suhamtonia, m. 2. b. in imo.

(c) Idem Vicecomes r c de Lx marcis de communi misericordia Comitatus de Dorseta pro falso iudicio; In thesauro xx marcas, Et debet xl marcas. Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a. Dorseta & Sumerfeta.

(d) Idem Vicecomes r c de xxx marcis de Comitatu de Cantebrigscira pro injusto iudicio. Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. a. Gran-tebrigscira & Huntedonescira.

(e) Idem Vicecomes r c de xx marcis de misericordia Comitatus de Staffordia pro falso iudicio; In th l, Et Q e. Mag. Rot. 25 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. b. Staffordscira.

Haket & Agnes uxor ejus r c de x marcis pro recto versus Robertum de Lilliton & pro iudicio Comitatus.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xl marcis de Comitatu de Dorseta, pro habenda pace de iudicio facto inter Robertum Lillinton & Haket & uxorem suam. Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 8. a. Dorseta & Sumerfeta.

(f) Ammerciamenta facta per H Bard[olf] & Magistrum Rogerum & Socios suos. Comitatus Eboraci r c de C marcis, ne inquisitio fiat de Hidagio & Carrucagio; In th Liii marcas & vs, Et debent xlv marcis & viii s & iii d. Mag. Rot. 2 Joh. Rot. 8. b. m. 1. Everwicscira.

(g) Communa Comitatus Bukinghamie [debet] Lviii s & ix d pro carr[ucagio]; de quibus Custos Honor[is] de Wallingeforda debet respondere. Mag. Rot. 6 Joh. Rot. 2. m. 1. tit. Bukingeham & Bedefordscir[a].

(h) Com[itatus] Hunt[endonie] debet Cs, de fine ante iudicium. Memoranda 35 Hen. 3.

Rot. 16. b.

Totus Com[itatus] debet xxii l xvs vi d, de fine ante iudicium. Ib. Rot. 17. a. Oxon.

(i) Totus Comitatus Lancastrie exceptis Libertatibus reddit compotum de xxii l iis viii d & obolo, de fine pro transgressione. In Thesauro iii l, Et debet xviii l iis viii d & obolum. Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Lancastria, m. 1. a.

(k) Comitatus Middelfexie reddit compotum de dimidia marca pro transgressione. Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 2. a.

(l) Totus Comitatus Suthamptonie [debet] xxii l xvi s pro transgressione, sicut continetur in Rotulo xlvii. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Suthampton[ia], m. 2. a.

(m) Totus Comitatus Lincolnie [debet] xxiii l xs viii d, de fine pro falso iudicio, de Itinere M de Littlebir[i], sicut continetur in Rotulo xliii. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Linc. m. 2. a.

(n) Heref[ordscira]. Totus Comitatus in misericordia; For that the Coroners refused to pronounce Judgment of Utlary on the fifth County-day. Plac. coram Rege, Mich. 28 incipiente 29 Edw. 1. Rot. 36. a.

(o) Pro Alano la Zuche Justiciario Cestrie. Rex mand[avit] Baronibus quod alloc[ent] Alano la Zuche quondam Justiciario suo Cestrie, in firma ejusdem Comitatus, xxl xix s ii d & ob., quos posuit per præceptum Regis in reparatione pontis Cestrie tempore quo fuit Justiciarius &c. Et quia constat Regi per inspectionem Libri de Scaccario qui vocatur Domusday, quod homines de Comitatu prædicto tenentur reparare Pontem illum, Mand[at] Rex Baronibus, quod dictas xxl xix s ii d ob. sine dilatione levare faciant de hominibus prædictis, & reddi ad Scaccarium ad opus Regis. Memoranda 40 Hen. 3. Rot. 12. b.



CH A P. for his Confirmation of their Liberties. They Appear Plead and receive Judg-SECT.  
 V. ment by the Name or Style of *Homines & Communitas Comitatus Cestrie* (p). XVI.

XVII. The

(p) Cestr[escira]. De probis Hominibus & Communitate Comitatus Cestr[iæ] occasionatis ad respondendum Regi de MMM marcis, pro Confirmatione Cartæ suæ de Libertatibus.

Compertum est in Originali de anno decimo nono Regis nunc, Rotulo quinquagesimo quarto, quod idem Dominus Rex nunc xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Julii eodem anno decimo nono, pro tribus Millibus marcis solvendis eidem Domino Regi ad Receptam Scaccarii sui, concessit & per cartam suam confirmavit probis Hominibus & Communitati Comitatus Cestr[iæ], quod licet ipsi vel eorum prædecessores sive antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus custumarum franches[iarum] libertatum quietanc[iarum] & deafforestationis, in diversis Cartis & Literis per Prædecessores sive Antecessores Domini Regis nunc, præfatis Hominibus & Communitati ante hæc tempora concessis contentis, aliquo casu emergente, hætenus plene usi non fuerint, iidem tamen probi Homines & Communitas & eorum hæredes & Successores omnibus & singulis custumis franchesiis libertatibus & quietanciis & deafforestatione supradictis, & earum qualibet, extunc plene gaudent & uterentur imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento Regis vel hæredum suorum, Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum suorum quorumcumque, sicut plenius continetur in Literis Regis patentibus eisdem Hominibus superinde confectis, & irrotulatis in Originali prædicto, Rotulo prædicto, post quarum quidem Literarum irrotulamentum ibidem pro solutione trium Millium marcarum prædictarum continetur sic, Per breve de privato Sigillo & de data prædicta auctoritate Parlamenti, & pro tribus Millibus marcis solvendis eidem Regi ad Receptam Scaccarii sui, videlicet Mille marcis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ tunc proximo futurum, Mille marcis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ tunc proximo sequens, & Mille marcis residuis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis tunc proximo sequens. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno xxxi<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc in Salop[escira], quod probi Homines & Communitas Comitatus Cestrie debent MMM marcas, pro eo quod Rex xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno xix<sup>o</sup>, pro tribus Millibus marcis solvendis eidem Regi ad Receptam Scaccarii sui, videlicet, M marcis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis proximo futurum, Mille marcis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis tunc proximo sequens, & M marcis residuis ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis tunc proximo sequens, concessit [&] per Cartam suam confirmavit eisdem probis Hominibus & Communitati, quod licet ipsi vel eorum prædecessores sive antecessores, aliqua vel aliquibus Custumarum fran-

ches[iarum] libertatum quietanciarum & deafforestationis, in diversis Cartis & Literis per prædecessores sive antecessores Domini Regis nunc, præfatis Hominibus & Communitati ante hæc tempora concessis contentis, aliquo casu emergente hætenus plene usi non fuerint, iidem tamen probi Homines & Communitas & eorum hæredes & Successores, omnibus & singulis Custumis franchesiis libertatibus quietanciis & deafforestatione supradictis, & earum qualibet, extunc plene gaudeant & utantur imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento Regis vel hæredum Regis, Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum, aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum Regis quorumcumque, sicut plenius continetur ibidem.

Et modo in Craftino Purificationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, prædicti Homines & Communitas Comitatus Cestrie venerunt hic per Johannem Massy Attornatum suum. Et queruntur ipsos pro MMM marcis prædictis per Vicecomitem Salop[iæ] graviter fore districtos, & hoc minus iuste; Quia dicunt, quod quamvis in dicto Originali sit compertum, quod prædictus Dominus Rex xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Julii dicto anno xix<sup>o</sup>, pro tribus Millibus marcis solvendis sibi ad Receptam Scaccarii sui annuatim ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis æqualiter, videlicet ad festum Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, iidem tamen Homines & Communitas dicunt, quod Dominus Rex nunc per breve suum de privato Sigillo, datum vicesimo die Julii anno regni sui xix<sup>o</sup>, mandavit venerabili in Christo Patri tunc Episcopo Bathon[iensi] tunc Cancellario suo, recitans quod cum ipse de gratia sua speciali, & pro summa trium Millium marcarum solvend[arum] sibi ad Receptam Scaccarii sui, videlicet v C marcis in festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ tunc proximo futuro, & D marcis in festo Sancti Martini in Yeme tunc proximo sequente, & aliis MM marcis residuis in eisdem festis, per duos annos tunc proximo futuros, videlicet ad quodlibet festum D marcis, de avisamento & assensu Consilii sui, concessit probis Hominibus & Communitati Comitatus sui Cestrie Literas suas de confirmatione fiendas sub Magno Sigillo suo sub tenore unius Copiæ eidem brevi inclusæ, per quod de avisamento & assensu supradictis voluit & mandavit eidem tunc Cancellario, quod de & super contentis in eadem Copia fieri faceret Literas suas patentes de confirmatione sub Magno Sigillo suo in debita forma, aliqua restrictione actu ordinatione aut statuto incontrarium factis non obstantibus, prout in tenore ejusdem brevis Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii virtute alterius brevis Regis de Magno Sigillo suo eisdem Thesaurario & Baronibus directi, & irrotulati in Memorandis videlicet inter Recorda de hoc Terminis, misso plenius continetur, Cujus



CHAP. XVII. The Merchants of *Venice* trading in *England* were never incorporated S E C T.  
V. (for ought that I know) by the Charter or Patent-Letter of any King of *England* XVII.

before the reign of K *Henry VIII*, or in it, or afterwards. Nevertheless, in *Hilary-term* in the Eightandtwentieth year of K *Henry VIII*, they are Charged to the King in *Rotulo Compotorum* with certain Customs and Subsidies, by the name of *Mercatores de Venicia*, and are Discharged thereof by Judgment of the Court of *Exchequer*, by the same general name of *Mercatores de Venicia* (q). And in *Michaelmas-term* in the same year, they are again Charged and Discharged by the general

jus quidem brevis de Magno Sigillo tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ —. *Here followeth the Writ.* Quæ omnia & singula iidem Homines & Communitas parati sunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Et dicunt ulterius iidem Homines & Communitas, quod ipsi solverunt Domino Regi ad Scaccarium suum Cestriæ prædicta tria Millia marcarum ad terminos in dicto brevi Regis de privato Sigillo specificatos, sicut continetur in duplicamentis Compotorum Johannis Troutbek Camerarii ibidem de annis regni dicti Domini Regis nunc xx<sup>o</sup> xxi<sup>o</sup> xxii<sup>o</sup> & xxiii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, ad Scaccarium hic resident[ibus] de Recordo, petentes quod Compota illa videantur, & quod fiat eis quod justum fuerit in præmissis. Et super hoc scrutatis Rotulis &c, Compertum est in Rotulo Compotorum Johannis Troutbek Armigeri Camerarii Regis Cestriæ, computantis tam de receptionibus suis, quam de Custibus & expensis & aliis solutionibus per ipsum factis in Officio suo prædicto, videlicet a festo sancti Michaelis anno vicesimo Regis nunc, usque festum sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, quod idem Camerarius reddidit compotum de CCCxxxiii<sup>l</sup> vis viii<sup>d</sup>, receptis de parte cujusdam doni MMM marcarum per Communitatem Comitatus Cestriæ Domino Regi nunc xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno xix<sup>o</sup> Regis prædicti concessi, solvendi infra tres annos ad festa Nativitatis Sancti [Johannis] Baptistæ & Sancti Martini in Yeme æqualiter, videlicet de parte doni prædicti pro termino Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ. Compertum est etiam —. Quibus compertis, prædicti Homines & Communitas petunt judicium quod tam ipsi quam præfatus Camerarius inde exonerentur &c. Et visis tam duplicamentis dictorum Compotorum dicti Camerarii de temporibus prædictis, quam dictis brevibus Regis de privato Sigillo suo ac aliis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est quod tam præfati Homines & Communitas Comitatus Cestriæ, quam præfatus Johannes Troutbek Camerarius ibidem, de prædictis MMM marcis Regi per dictam Communitatem Comitatus Cestriæ ut prædictum est concessis, erga Regem exonerentur & quieti existant prætextu præmissorum. *Hil. Communia 33 Hen. 6. Rot. 10.*

(q) Anglia. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii de hoc anno, videlicet inter Brevia directa Baronibus de Terminis S Michaelis Rotulo ..,

ex parte Rememoratoris Regis, in hæc verba. Henricus octavus Dei gratia Angliæ & Franciæ Rex fidei defensor, Dominus Hiberniæ, & in terr[a] supremum caput Anglicanæ ecclesiæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte dilectorum nostrorum Mercatorum de Venecia nobis est ostensum, quod licet nos duodecimo die Martii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo, per Literas nostras patentes, concefferimus & licentiam dederimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis tunc fuit, eisdem Mercatoribus, per nomina dilectorum Mercatorum nostrorum de Venecia quorumcumque, infra Regnum nostrum Angliæ pro tempore inhabitantium resiantium resortientium & moram facientium, & eorum cuilibet, quod ipsi & eorum quilibet, factores & attornati sui indigenæ sive alienigenæ, quocienscunque & quandocunque durante termino quinque annorum, a primo die mensis Aprilis tunc proximo sequentis incipiendo & computando, lanas quascunque de crescencia cujuscunque Comitatus & quorumcunque Comitatum hujus regni nostri, necnon Stannum quodcunque, emere providere & barganizare, and to Ship and export the same at the Ports of Southampton London Sandwich or any other Port of the Realm — —. Nos nolentes eosdem Mercatores contra tenorem prædictarum Literarum nostrarum patentium eis in forma prædicta confectarum indebite prægravari, vobis mandamus quod visis Literis nostris prædictis, ac scrutatis Compotis prædictorum nuper Collectorum in dictis Portibus nostris Suthamptoniæ & Londoniæ coram vobis, vos præfati Barones, per tempora prædicta de custuma & subsidio nostris prædictis nuper redditis, si vobis constare poterit eosdem nuper Collectores, nobis in compotis suis prædictis, de custuma & subsidio & dever[io] nostris lanas prædictas, ac de subsidio nostro stannum prædictum, juxta formam & effectum Literarum nostrarum patentium prædictarum contingen[tibus] respondisse, tunc demandæ quam facitis præfatis Mercatoribus per summonicionem dicti Scaccarii nostri, ad respondendum nobis de residuo custumæ & subsidii lanas & stannum illa contingentis superfederi, ipsosque Mercatores ac alios quoscunque, de omnimodis aliis denariorum summis ab eis de eodem residuo custumæ & subsidii prædictorum exactis, ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum exonerari & quietos esse faciatis. Teste meipso apud Westm. xxviii die Decembris anno regni nostri vicesimo octavo. Cujus brevis prætextu, scrutatis Compotis prædictis de quibus superius in brevi fit mencio, ac aliis Rotulis



CHAP. general name of *Mercatores de Venicia* (r). Hitherto I have produced examples S E C T. V. proving that Towns not-corporated were usually Charged and Sued *ad instantiam* XVII. *Regis* in the same or like manner as Towns-Corporate; And that other Bodies or XVIII. Communities of men were also Charged and Sued after the same manner. XIX.XX. XXI.

XVIII. It remaineth that a few Miscellaneous Cases be superadded. In the three and thirtieth year of K *Henry III*, the Aldermanrie of *Ralf Sperling* in *London* standeth charged with an Amerciament of xls, for harbouring a Fugitive (s).

XIX. In the nine and thirtieth year of the same King, notice is taken of the Aldermanrie of *Laurence de Frowik* in *London*. The King by his writ commanded the Sherifs of *London* to take an Inquisition by the oath of Men of That Aldermanrie (t). Here, by *Frowiks* Aldermanrie is meant *Frowiks* Ward.

XX. In the Twentyfifth year of K *Henry III*, That part of the Town of *Walpole* which belonged to the Priour of *Lewes* was amerced at xx marks. *Reimund Pain* received of the said Priours-part x marks, and ought to have acquitted them of it at the Exchequer. He did not acquitt them. They, the said Priours-part, brought a pleint against *Reimund* in the Exchequer for the same (u).

XXI. In the Fortyfourth year of K *Henry III*, the Men of *Stanstede* in *Essex* which was a member of *Haldstede* were attached at the suit of the Men of *Haldstede*, to shew cause why they withdrew from partaking in an amerciament sett upon the whole Town of *Haldstede* before Justices Itinerant for a Trespass. *Roger le Clerk* and *Walter le Clerk* Attorneys of the Men of *Halstede* alleged, that the Men of *Haldstede* and *Stanstede* were always wont to answer together before the Kings Justices, and to contribute together to Fines and Amerciaments. The Men of *Stanstede* Appear by *Werry de Stanstede* and *Richard Page* their Attorneys, and

& Memorandis hujus Scaccarii, Compertum est in Rotulo Compotorum de Custumis —. Divers Rotuli Compotorum and divers Great-Rolls are here recited. The Judgment is in these words, Et visis præmissis per Barones habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eodẽdem, Consideratum est per eodẽdem Barones quod præfati Mercatores de Venicia de separalibus summis prædictis ab eis in forma prædicta exactis erga dictum Dominum Regem nunc exonerentur & quieti inde existant prætextu præmissorum; Salva semper actione Regis si &c. Hil. Communia 28 Hen. 8. Rot. 6.

(r) Anglia. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo —. Henricus octavus —; Like as in the other Writ before recited. Teste meipso apud Westm. xxiii die Junii anno r n vicesimo octavo. Cujus brevis prætextu Searches were made in the Great Rolls and Rotuli Compotorum. The Judgment runs thus, Quibus compertis, quia satis constat Baronibus hic per scrutinium prædictum, quod responsum est Domino Regi per præfatos nuper Collectores in Portu prædicto, de omni eo quod ad ipsum Dominum Regem pertinet de Custuma Subsidio & deveriis Calestie mercandisas prædictas juxta tenorem Literarum dicti Domini Regis patentium supradictarum contingentibus, quodque prædicti Mercatores de Venicia de prædictis separalibus denariorum summis ab eis pro residuo custum[æ] & sub[idi]i mercandisarum prædictarum in forma prædicta exact[is] minus rite onerantur, Consideratum est per eodẽdem Barones quod præfati Mercatores de Venicia de prædictis separalibus denariorum summis ab eis in forma prædicta exactis erga Dominum Regem exonerentur & quieti exi-

stant, prætextu brevis prædicti ac cæterorum præmissorum. Mich. Communia 28 Hen. 8. Rot. 22.

(s) Aldremaneria Radulfi Sperling [debet] xls, pro receptamento Martini de Maydeneston fugitivi. Mag. Rot. 33 Hen. 3. Rot. — m. 1, dorso. tit. Londonia & Middelsexia. Of the Ward of Ralf Sperling mention is made in Hist. Excheq. p 490 col. 1. t. and p 508. col. 2. and p 509. col. 1.

(t) Londonia. Mandatum est Vicecomitibus quod diligenter inquirant &c, per tales qui sint de Aldremaneria, Laurentii de Frowik, per quos &c, & qui nulla affinitate attingant Robertum Doget vel Eustachium de Cogeshal, si prædictus Eustachius Robertus Russell Thomas & Johannes homines ejusdem Eustachii verberaverunt & male tractaverunt Nicholaum hominem prædicti Roberti ut idẽdem Robertus dicit, vel non ut ipsi dicunt. Et inquisitionem &c habeant &c in crastino Cinerum &c, & Breve. Memoranda 39 Hen. 3. Rot. 7. b. in imo.

(u) Norf[olcia] & Suff[olcia]. Mandatum est Vicecomiti, quod si Pars Prioris de Lewes in villa de Walepol fecerit ipsum securum de clamore suo prosequendo, tunc venire faciat coram Baronibus &c a die Paschæ in xv dies Reimundum Pain, ad respondendum coram eisdem &c de x marcis de misericordia viginti marcarum in quam prædicta pars Prioris incidit &c, quas quidem x marcas ab eadem parte Prioris recepit, & de quibus debet ipsam acquietare, & non acquietavit, ut dicit, & interim eidem parti pacem habere permittat de eisdem x marcis. Et habeat ibi tunc breve. T ut supra [viz. sexto die Februarii]. Hil. Communia 25 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. b.



CHAP. and Plead that *Stanstede* and *Haldstede* are of a feveral Fee and Homage, and were never wont to answer together before the Kings Justices, or to contribute together to any amerciaments or fines. Issue is joined and Tryal had. The Enquest give their Verdict for the Men of *Haldstede*. And the Court of Exchequer passeth Judgment for them accordingly (w).

XXII. In the Four and fortieth year of K *Henry III*, *William de la Chambre* was attached to answer to the Men of *Ormesby* in *Norfolk*, for vii l which he received of them *de Dono*. He came, and acknowledged that he had received of them vii l for Tallage, to the use of *Juliana de Ormesby*. The Men of *Ormesby* Reply, that he received it of them for *Done*, not for Tallage. An Inquisition was taken and returned into the Exchequer. Judgment passeth against the Men of *Ormesby* (x). In the same year of K *Henry III*, the Men of *Graham* a Town not-corporated commenced a Suit in the Court of Exchequer against *Gilbert de Cheylle* (y).

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(w) *Essex*. Homines de *Stanstede* quod est membrum de *Haldstede* attachiantur ad ostendendum qua ratione ipsi se subtrahunt a participatione cujusdam amerciamenti decem marcarum, ad quod tota Villa de *Haldstede* amerciata fuit pro transgressione, coram *Willelmo de Wylton* & sociis suis Justiciariis Domini Regis, deficut semper consueverunt simul respondere coram Justiciariis Domini Regis, & contribuere cum hominibus ejusdem Villæ de *Haldstede* in finibus & amerciamentis, quando contigit dictam Villam de *Haldstede* coram Justiciariis Domini Regis ad quæcunque placita itinerantibus amerciari vel finire, ut *Rogerus le Clerc* & *Walterus le Clerc* Attornati hominum de *Haldstede* dicunt, & hoc parati sunt verificare &c. Venerunt per *Werry de Stanstede* & *Ricardum Page* positos loco suo ad lucrandum &c. Et dixerunt quod *Stanstede* & *Haldstede* sunt de diversis feodis & homagiis, & quod nunquam consueverunt simul respondere coram aliquibus Justiciariis Domini Regis, [vel] contribuere cum Hominibus de *Haldstede* in aliquibus amerciamentis vel finibus, quando contigit dictam Villam de *Haldstede* coram Justiciariis Domini Regis amerciari vel finire; & de hoc ponunt se in inquisitionem patriæ. Et prædicti *Rogerus* & *Walterus* dicunt quod sic; & de hoc ponunt se &c. fiat Inquisitio in pleno Comitatu, in præsentia Coron[atorum] per xii<sup>m</sup> &c. qui non sint de homagio de *Eye* nec Comit[is] *Glouc[estriæ]* nec Comit[is] *Warren[æ]*. & Vicecomes habeat eam hic a die Purificationis beatæ Mariæ in xv dies, & breve &c. concessum est hinc inde quod sive venerint sive non, procedat judicium &c. Postea Vicecomes misit inquisitionem; quæ dicit quod homines de *Stanstede* semper consueverunt respondere cum hominibus de *Hautstede* coram Justiciariis Domini Regis, & cum eis contribuere in finibus & amerciamentis, quando contigit eandem Villam de *Hautstede* coram præfatis Justiciariis amerciari vel finire. Et ideo cons[ideratum] est, quod prædicti homines de *Stanstede* respondeant cum præfatis hominibus de *Hautstede* coram Justiciariis Domini Regis &c; Et quod contribuant cum eis in amerciamentis & finibus, sicut facere consueverunt &c. Et Vicecomes distringat eos ad reddendum Domino regi portionem ipsos contingentem de prædictis x marcis; Et ipsi

in misericordia pro injusta subtractione &c. *Rot. Placitor. Scaccarii* 44, incip. 45 *Hen. 3. Rot. 6. a.*

(x) *Norf[olcia]*. *Willelmus de Camera* attach[iatur] ad respondendum Hominibus de *Ormesby* de vii l quas ab eis recepit de *Dono*, anno regni Domini Regis qui nunc est xxxix<sup>o</sup>. Venit & rec[ogno]vit se recepisse ab eis vii l de tallagio, ad opus *Julianæ de Ormesby*, quæ eas clamat habere per libertatem Cartæ Domini Regis, & non de *Dono*. Et hoc paratus est verificare &c.

Et prædicti Homines per *Johannem de Ormesby* dicunt, quod recepit eas ab eis de *Dono*, & non de Tallagio; & hoc paratus est verificare &c. Fiat inquisitio in pleno Comitatu &c, de consensu eorum &c, per xii &c. qui nulla affinitate &c. Et Vicecomes eam habeat hic in Octabis Sancti *Johannis Baptistæ* &c. Et concessum est hinc inde, quod sive venerint sive non, procedat judicium &c. Et postea mandatum fuit *Willelmo de Wenling* Escaëtori Domini Regis, per breve Regis de Magno Sigillo, quod ipse faceret dictam Inquisitionem; qui eam fecit; & illam coram Baronibus protulit; in qua continetur, quod Dominus Rex nunquam, postquam feofaverat ipsam *Julianam* de prædicto Manerio, fuit in seifina de aliquo tallagio, & quod *Willelmus le Snetun* quando assignatus fuit ad talliandum Dominica Domini Regis, posuit super homines ejusdem Manerii de dono, ubi debuit posuisse de tallagio. Et super hoc prædictus *Willelmus* protulit coram Baronibus cartam Domini Regis qui nunc est, in qua continetur, quod Dominus Rex dedit eidem *Julianæ* & hæredibus suis prædictum Manerium cum omnibus pertinentiis, tenendum de eo ad firmam, per xv l per annum, pro omni servitio consuetudine & demanda; & quod eadem *Juliana* & hæredes sui quieti sint de tallagio. Et ideo consideratum est quod prædicta *Juliana* & hæredes sui sint quieti de tallagiis, quantum ad Regem, inperpetuum, & quod libere possint distringere Homines prædicti Manerii ad reddendum eis eadem tallagia &c. *Rot. Placitorum Scaccarii* 44 & 45 *Hen. 3. Rot. 9. b.*

(y) *Linc[oln]scira*. Homines de *Graham* op[tulerunt] se iii<sup>o</sup> die versus *Gilbertum de Cheylle*, de placito debiti, qui alias fec[it] def[altam]. Ita quod præceptum est Vicecomiti,



CHAP. XXIII. In the Twentyfirst year of K *Edward I*, *Philip le Especer* and *John S E C T.*

V. *Log* Townsmen of *Oxford* brought an action of Trespass in the Court of Exche- XXIII.

quer, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the Commonalty of the Town, against *Henry Ouweyn* and several other Principal Townsmen who had lately been Mayors of that Town. The matter of complaint was, That *Henry Owen*, when he was Mayor, assessed a Tallage in the Town without the Kings command or leave, and against the will of the Commonalty &c, That *John Culverd* now Mayor assessed another Tallage unduly, And that the other Defendants unjustly assessed other Tallages, and misapplied the money levied upon the Townsmen. The Defendants severally plead to Issue. Tryal is had. The Verdict passeth for the Defendants (z).

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comiti, quod distringat eum per terras &c, & quod possit respondere de exitibus &c, & quod habeat corpus ejus a die Purificationis beatæ Mariæ in tres septimanas, ad respondendum &c; Et breve &c. *Rot. Placitor. Scaccarii* 44, incip. 45 *Hen. 3. Rot. 5. a.*

(z) Oxonia. Henricus Ouweyn Johannes Culverd Willelmus de Wodeston Thomas Sowe Johannes Ou Nicholas le Orfevere Henricus Gamage & Walterus Best, attachantur ad respondendum Regi, & Philippo le Especer & Johanni Log de eadem, & cæteris Hominibus Communitatis villæ Oxoniæ, de placito transgressionis. Et unde iidem Philippus & Johannes pro Rege & pro se & cæteris Hominibus de eadem Communitate queruntur, quod prædictus Henricus Ouweyn tempore quo fuit Major prædictæ Villæ, videlicet anno regni Regis E nunc xxi<sup>o</sup>, ex consensu & assensu prædictorum Johannis Culverd & aliorum, qui sub uno consilio & voluntate per sacramentum inter eos præstitum ad invicem confederantur, assessit quoddam tallagium in prædicta Villa de xxv<sup>l</sup>, sine mandato Regis & voluntate, contra voluntatem prædictæ Communitatis, pro eo quod idem Henricus amerciatus fuit ad Scaccarium ad x marcas, quia excercuit officium Majoritatis Oxon[iæ] antequam sacramentum præstitisset Domino Regi, & dicunt quod non fuit culpa alterius quam prædicti Henrici, & easdem xxv<sup>l</sup> pertiti sunt & inter eos distribuerunt. Et quod idem Henricus assessit quoddam tallagium xix<sup>l</sup> in prædicta Villa Oxoniæ tempore quo Rex fuit ultimo in Scotia, pro quodam brevi impetrando ut posset recipi ad Majoritatem Oxon[iæ]. Et quod Johannes Culverd nunc Major prædictæ Villæ assessit quoddam tallagium xxv<sup>l</sup> in prædicta Villa, & pro eodem tallagio distrinxit & distributiones fecit postquam idem Johannes & alii prædicti attachiati fuerunt de veniendo hic super prædictis transgressionibus responsuri. Et quod idem Johannes Culverd recepit anno regni Regis E xiii<sup>o</sup> muragium prædictæ Villæ a Domino Rege tunc concessum, quod non plene apposuit circa reparationem murorum ibidem, & de quo compotum suum reddere debet. Et quod prædicti Henricus Johannes & alii assesserunt tallagia per diversas vices, & ea levarunt & collegerunt ad valorem L<sup>l</sup>, ab anno regni Regis E xiii<sup>o</sup> usque annum ejusdem Regis nunc xxii præter tall-

gia supradicta. Et quod Thomas Sowy assessit & levavit quoddam tallagium xvii<sup>l</sup> pro arreragiis quæ debuit Regi super compotum suum ad Scaccarium, ubi defectus nec culpa fuit prædictæ Communitatis, set tantum ipsius Thomæ, & hoc injuste, maxime cum plures sint redditus & exitus sufficientes de eisdem redditibus in Villa Oxoniæ ad prædictam Communitatem pertinentibus, videlicet de diversis redditibus subtus muros ejusdem Villæ, & sub aula communi, & uno redditu qui vocatur Basket Stallagio piscaria coquinaria & hanferia, qui valent per annum xl<sup>l</sup>. De quibus expensæ circa negotia ejusdem Communitatis expedienda possent sustineri, & eas annuatim sibi appropriant. Et quod prædicti Henricus & alii receperunt de prædicta Communitate xl<sup>l</sup> ex mutuo, per quoddam scriptum inter eos confectum, quod Walterus Best, de quo eadem Communitas superius queritur, adhuc penes se habet, & nichil inde eidem Communitati satisfecerunt. Et quod Nicholas le Orfevere tempore quo fuit Major prædictæ Villæ, anno videlicet Regis E xviii<sup>o</sup>, assideri fecit quoddam tallagium xxx<sup>l</sup> sub colore exhenniorum quæ diversis locis fecisse debuerant, sine assensu & voluntate prædictæ Communitatis. Et quod ubi divites & potentes ejusdem Villæ ponuntur in assisis & juratis, expensas suas levant de Communitate, Et cum cæteros Homines mediocres ejusdem Villæ in hujusmodi assisis & juratis poni contigerit, faciunt expensas suas de bonis suis propriis. In contemptum Regis manifestum, & ad dampnum prædictæ Communitatis & ejusdem depauperationem M<sup>l</sup>.

Et prædicti Henricus Ouwayn & alii venerunt. Et prædictus Henricus dicit pro se, quod ratione prædictarum x marcarum ad quas amerciatus fuit, nec ratione inpetrationis aliqujus brevis, unquam levavit aliquod tallagium in eadem Villa. Et quo ad prædictas L<sup>l</sup> quas iidem Henricus Johannes Culverd & alii levasse debuerant de eadem Communitate per diversas vices, dicit quod nunquam aliquam collectam seu tallagium fecit in prædicta Villa, nisi ex consensu & voluntate prædictæ Communitatis, & pro communibus negotiis ejusdem Communitatis expediendis. Et quo ad mutuuum prædictarum xl<sup>l</sup>, quod prædicta Communitas fecit eisdem Henrico & aliis hominibus ejusdem Villæ, dicit & bene cognovit quod prædicta Communitas fecit eis prædictum mutuuum xl<sup>l</sup>, Set dicit quod hoc fuit per



CHAP. XXIV. Moreover; sometimes there hath been a Division, and even a Suit at S E C T.

V. Law between one Part of a Town, and another Part of the same Town. For XXIV.

example. In the Fortyfourth year of K *Henry III*, *Peter de Wakerlegb* and Five others who were Prince *Edwards* Men in the Town of *Staunford*, were attached to answer *William Davison* and *William Reynerson* who followed for the Abbot of *Burghs* Men of the same Town, for that the Defendants unjustly caused the Plaintiffs to contribute with them and others who were the Men of Prince *Edward* in that Town, in Tallages and other Burdens payable by the said Town beyond the Sixth part of said Tallages and Burdens, contrary to a Concord made before the Barons of the Exchequer about that affair in the Twentyseventh year of K *Henry III*. The Defendants come and Plead, that they did not cause the Plaintiffs to be distrained, contrary to the said Concord; but do desire the said Concord may remain in force and be observed (a).

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per communem assensum & voluntatem ejusdem Communitatis, ad diversa negotia ejusdem Communitatis facienda & expedienda. Et quod communes redditus ejusdem Villæ qui ad prædictam Communitatem pertinent non sufficiunt adhuc ad illud debitum inde levandum. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur. Et Johannes Culverd dicit pro se & bene cognovit, quod per assensum & voluntatem totius Communitatis prædictæ assideri fecit prædictum tallagium xxv/, pro quibusdam debitis & expensis circa communia negotia ejusdem Communitatis factis & apposis aquietandis. Et quo ad muragium de anno xiii<sup>o</sup> dicit, quod de hoc quod recepit de eodem muragio reddidit compotum Magistro Simoni de Gaunt tunc Cancellario Universitatis Oxoniæ & Procuratoribus ejusdem Universitatis & Ballivis ejusdem Villæ Oxoniæ, per præceptum Gilberti de Thornton Justiciarii &c. Et de hoc vocat ipsum ad Warrantum.

Et Thomas de Sowy dicit pro se, quod quo ad tallagium xvii/ quas levasse debuerat pro arreragiis compoti sui, dicit quod nullum tale tallagium fecit nec assessit. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur.

Et Nicholaus le Orfevere dicit pro se, quod quo ad tallagium xxx/ quod assedisse debuerat & levasse pro exhennis per diversa loca missis, dicit quod nullum tale tallagium assessit & levavit ratione exhenniorum alicubi missorum. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur.

Et prædictus Henricus Ouwayn & omnes alii dicunt, quod prædicti redditus de Stallagio Piscaria Coquinaria Hanseria & Basket, quos prædicti Philippus & Johannes asserunt valere per annum xli/, non valent nisi xvi/ tantum, & hoc quando locantur. Et quod nunquam aliquid inde ad opus eorum proprium appropriarunt. Et quod ubi prædicti Philippus & Johannes asserunt prædictos Nicholaum & alios levare expensas suas de prædicta Communitate, quando ponuntur in assis & juratis, dicunt quod nunquam levarunt expensas suas ratione itineris sui circa hujusmodi assisas & juratas faciendas. Et hoc petunt quod inquiratur. Et prædicti Philippus & alii similiter. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat xii &c de Villa Oxoniæ a die Paschæ in unum mensem, ad certificandum &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt; & Inquis[itio] venit per

Ricardum de Pistrino & alios prout patet &c jur[at]os]. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod quo ad primas xxv/, nullum tale tallagium fuit assessum in prædicta Villa, nec etiam pro xix/ sequentibus, nec aliquid inde levatum. Et quo ad xxv/ levatas per Johannem Culverd, dicunt quod levatæ fuerunt per assensum & consensum totius Communitatis Villæ Oxoniæ, & ad communem utilitatem ejusdem Villæ. Et quo ad prædictas L/, dicunt quod levatæ fuerunt per communem assensum & ad communem utilitatem ejusdem Villæ; & eodem modo quo ad xvii/ sequentes. Et quo ad xli/ quas mutuo receperunt de Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, dicunt quod eas receperunt ad faciendum communem Aulam ejusdem Villæ, & quod easdem xli/ & plus de suo proprio expendiderunt circa constructionem illius Aulæ. Et quo ad prædictas xxx/ ad exhennia facienda, dicunt quod fuit per voluntatem & communem assensum totius Villæ supradictæ. Et quo ad expensas faciendas pro eadem Communitate, dicunt quod expensæ levatæ fuerunt per assensum ejusdem Communitatis, & non per aliquam extorsionem. Et quod redditus ejusdem Villæ ad eandem Communitatem pertinentes bene & fideliter expendiderunt, & nichil inde sibi ipsis appropriarunt. Et quo ad muragium, dicunt quod responsio eorum supradicta ad plenum sufficit, eo quod voc[ant] ad Warrantum recordum prædicti Gilberti. Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Henricus & alii eant inde quieti; & prædicti Philippus & Johannes pro falso clamore in misericordia. *Placita coram Baronibus 22 Edw. I. Rot. 55. a.*

(a) Linc[oln]scira]. Petrus de Wakerlegb, Walterus Ketel, Willelmus de Suddebur[y], Ricardus de Cottesmor, Johannes Plouman, & Alexander filius Lucæ, homines Eadwardi filii Regis de Staunford, attach[iati] ad respondendum Willelmo filio David[is] & Willelmo filio Reynerii, qui sequuntur pro hominibus Abbatis de Burgo de eadem Villa, de hoc quod injuste distringunt eos ad contribuendum, cum eis & aliis hominibus dicti Eadwardi de eadem Villa, in tallagiis & aliis oneribus prædictam Villam tangentibus, ultra sextam partem prædictorum tallagiorum & onerum ipsos homines contingentem, contra concor-



CHAP. XXV. In the First year of K *Edward II*, *Emery Gegg* and *Robert Wawayn* for S E C T. V. themselves and the rest of the middling and poor Burgeses of *Scardeburgh*, brought XXV. an action in the Exchequer, against *Roger at Crofs* and others the Rich Burgeses XXVI. of That Town, for divers Trespasses done by the latter to the former (b). XXVII.

XXVI. In or about the Second year of K *Edward II*, *William Sadeler* and o- XXVIII. thers the Poor Burgeses of *Newcastle* upon *Tyne* recovered Ll dammages in the Court of Exchequer, against *Nicolas de Carlile* and the rest of the Burgeses of the Merchant-gild of the said Town (c).

XXVII. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, *John de Norfolk* brought an action of Trespass in the Court of Exchequer against *Adam de Rofton* and the rest of the Men of the Town of *Scardeburgh* (d).

XXVIII. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, an action was brought in the Exchequer by *John de Vanne* and his Felows Merchants of the Company of the *Ballardi* of *Luca*, against *Frere Thomas de Donecastre* Master of the House of St *German* in *Scotland*, for Nine pounds due upon Bond. The Defendant pleads payment of part of the money; and Judgment passeth against him for the residue (e).

XIX. In

concordiam coram Baronibus alias factam, scilicet anno Domini Regis qui nunc est xxvii<sup>o</sup>, venerunt & dixerunt quod per ipsos non est quod ipsi distringuntur contra prædictam concordiam, & bene volunt quod concordia illa stet & remaneat imperpetuum. *Rot. Placitor. Scaccarii* 44, incip. 45 Hen. 3. Rot. 5. a.

(b) Baronibus pro Burgenfibus Villæ de *Scardeburgh*. Quia redditio iudicii loquelæ quæ fuit coram Baronibus in *Scaccario* anno regni Regis primo, inter *Emericum Gegg* & *Robertum Wawayn* pro se & cæteris mediocribus & pauperibus Burgenfibus Villæ de *Scardeburgh*, & *Rogerum* ad *Crucem* de *Scardeburgh* *Johannem* filium *Hugonis Warinum* le *Draper*, & alios divites Burgenfes ejusdem Villæ, per breve Regis de quibusdam transgressionibus tam Regi quam præfatis *Emerico* & *Roberto*, ac mediocribus & pauperibus Burgenfibus per præfatos *Rogerum Johannem Warinum* & alios Burgenfes, ut dicitur, illatis, diutinam cepit dilationem, ad grave dampnum prædictorum *Emerici* & *Roberti*, ac mediocrium & pauperum Burgenfium prædictorum, ut Rex accepit: Mandat Baronibus, quod ad iudicium in loquela prædicta reddendum, ac ad executionem ejusdem faciendam, sub ea celeritate qua secundum legem & consuetudinem regni Regis poterunt procedant; Ne querela ad Regem inde perveniat iterata. T Rege apud *Clifton* vi<sup>o</sup> die *Marcii* anno nono. *Pas. Brevia* 9 *Edw.* 2. Rot. 35. b.

(c) *Norhumbr[ia]*. *Johannes* de *Shefeld* venit coram Baronibus, & protulit quoddam scriptum quod testatur quod *Willelmus Sadeler* *Willelmus* de *Dalton* *Ricardus* de *London[ia]* *Thomas* le *Leycester* *Ivo* *Pistor* *Thomas* *Laurence* *Ricardus* de *Fennom* *Ricardus* de *Egremond* *Willelmus* *Smaley* *Walterus* filius *Ricardi* *Thomas* filius *Ricardi* *Adam* *Guntor*, & *Johannes* de *Roma* communis *Attornatus* prædictorum *Willelmi* & *Sociorum* suorum prædictorum, ac cæterorum pauperum

*Burgenfium Villæ Novi Castri super Tinam*, ad hoc per breve Regis admissus, cognoverunt eis satisfecisse per dictum *Johannem* de *Shefeld* tempore quo fuit *Vicecomes Norhumbr[ia]* de xl/, quæ eos contingebant de quinquaginta libris pauperibus Burgenfibus dictæ Villæ Novi Castri coram Baronibus de *Scaccario*, versus *Nicholaum* de *Carliolo* & cæteros Burgenfes de gilda mercatoria Villæ prædictæ, nomine dampnorum nuper adjudicatis, & decem libras residuas prædictæ summæ Ll dictus *Johannes* de *Shefeld* reddet *Clericis* de *Scaccario* &c; cujus data est apud *Novum Castrum super Tinam*, xvii<sup>o</sup> die *Januarii* anno regni Domini E Patris Regis nunc tricesimo quinto. *Placita coram Baronibus* 2 *Edw.* 2. Rot. 16. a.

(d) *Ebor*. Idem *Johannes* [viz. de *Norfolcia*] qui tulit aliud breve versus *Adam* de *Rofton* & cæteros *Homines Villæ* de *Scardeburgh*, de placito transgressionis, non est prosecutus. Ideo ipse in misericordia. Et prædicti *Adam* & alii sine die &c. *Placita coram Baronibus* 2 *Edw.* 2. Rot. 7. a.

(e) *Londonia*. *Frater Thomas* de *Donecastre* *Magister* *Domus sancti Germani* in *Scotia* attachiatus fuit ad respondendum *Johanni* de *Vanne* & *Sociis* suis *Mercatoribus* de *Societate Ballardorum* de *Luca*, de placito quod reddat eis novem libras. Et unde protulerunt quoddam scriptum quod hoc testatur, quod dicunt esse factum suum, & quas eis injuste detinet, ad dampnum suum Cs, ut dicunt. Et inde producunt sectam &c. In the Margin of the Roll these words are written, Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

Et prædictus *Frater Thomas* venit per *Attornatum* suum, & habito visu dicti scripti non potest dedicere quin sit factum suum; Set dicit quod solvit prædictis *Mercatoribus* Centum solidos. Et inde protulit quandam billam Sigillo ipsius *Johannis Vanne* sigillatam, quæ hoc testatur; & quo ad quatuor libras residuas, non potest dedicere quin teneatur prædictis *Mercatoribus* in eisdem quatuor



CHAP. XXIX. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, Sir *John Abel* Knight was attach-  
 V. ed to answer *Betino Friscobaldi* and his Felows *Merchants-Friscobalds* of *Flo-* S E C T.  
*rence*, in a plea of Debt. Sir *John* acknowledged the Debt. Whereupon the Court of Exchequer gave judgment, that the said Merchants do recover the said  
 XXX. money, and their damages, which were taxed by the Barons at Two marks (f). XXXI.

XXX. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, *William de Derleton* was attached to answer to the King, and to *John de Dunham* and *Adam de Ragenhull*, in the Court of Exchequer. They sued for Themselves and for the rest of the Men of the Kings Manor of *Derleton* and *Ragenhull*, in a Plea of Trespass. The Plaintiffs Declared against the Defendant for the said Trespass, to the damage of the said Men xl marks. Issue is joined for Tryal (g).

XXXI. In the same Second year, Master *Richard de Abyndon* and *Margery Criel* sued the Tenants of the Hundred of *Wicheford* in *Cambridgshire* for Lxxixs vid, being their contingent part of a Tallage assessed during the Voidance of the See of *Ely*. *Ralf de Norwic* Bailif of the Liberty of the Bishop of *Ely* appeared in behalf of the said Tenants; and Pleaded that the said Master *Richard* was paid and satisfied the said money; and he produced a Patent Letter of acquittance made by

tuor libris. Et prædictus Johannes bene cognovit quod dictus Thomas solvit ei prædictos Cs. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus Thomas quo ad dictos Cs eat quietus; Et quod dicti Mercatores recuperent versus prædictum Patrem Thomam prædictas quatuor libras, & dampna quæ taxantur ad unam marcam. Et idem Thomas pro injusta detentione in misericordia. Postea Vicecomites Londoniæ levarunt prædictam marcam de prædicto Fratre Thoma pro dampnis &c, & eam solverunt H de Hengham. Ideo inde quietus &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 7. a.*

(f) Midd[elfexia]. Johannes Abel Miles attachiatus fuit ad respondendum *Betino Friscobaldi* & Sociis suis Mercatoribus de societate *Friscobaldorum* de *Florentia*, de placito quod reddat eis novem libras tresdecim solidos & octo denarios, quos eis debet, quos eis solvisse debuit ad Pascham anno regni E patris Regis nunc xxxiii°. Et unde protulerunt quoddam scriptum quod hoc testatur, quod dicunt esse factum ipsius Johannis, & quos eis injuste detinet, ad dampnum suum Cs &c.

Et prædictus Johannes venit per Attornatum suum, & petiit visum prædicti scripti; quo habito, non potest dedicere quin sit factum suum, & quod tenetur prædictis Mercatoribus in prædictis novem libris xiii s & octo denariis. Ideo Consideratum est quod prædicti Mercatores recuperent versus prædictum Johannem denarios prædictos, & dampna, quæ taxantur per Barones ad duas marcas. Et prædictus Johannes pro injusta detentione in misericordia &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 17. b.*

(g) Not[inghamscira]. Magister *Willelmus de Derleton* attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Domino Regi, & *Johanni filio Roberti de Dunham* & *Adæ filio Willelmi de Ragenhull* pro se & cæteris hominibus Manerii Regis de *Derleton* & *Ragenhull*, de placito transgressionis. Et unde iidem Johannes & Adam tam pro Domino Rege quam pro seipsis & cæteris Hominibus dicti Manerii, queruntur

quod cum ipsi teneant ad firmam de Domino Rege prædictum Manerium, ad quod pertinet & pertinere debet quoddam Molendinum ventriticum quod extenditur ad xx s per annum, & quod eis liberatum fuit per Dominum E patrem Regis E nunc, per eandem extentam, in auxilium firmæ prædictæ, idem Magister *Willelmus* die Mercurii proximo post festum Apostolorum *Simonis & Judæ*, anno dicti Regis E patris &c xvii°, prædictum Molendinum vi & armis prostravit, & illud extra solum Domini Regis amoveri & in alieno solo construere & levare fecit, in exheredationem Regis manifestam, & ad dampnum dictorum hominum xl marcarum. Et hoc offerunt &c.

Et prædictus Magister *Willelmus* in propria persona venit, & defendit omnem exheredationem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et bene defendit quod nullum Molendinum Domini Regis seu in solo Regis constructum prostravit, seu prosterni vel amoveri fecit, prout ei imponitur. Dicit tamen & bene cognovit quod quoddam Molendinum suum proprium in solo suo aliquando constructum prosterni, & inde amoveri, & alibi in solo suo proprio construere & levare fecit, prout ei bene licuit. Ita quod nullam injuriam Domino Regi seu hominibus prædictis fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur.

Et prædicti Johannes & Adam dicunt, quod prædictus Magister *Willelmus* prædictum Molendinum Domini Regis quod constructum fuit in solo ipsius Regis in Manerio prædicto, & quod eis liberatum fuit per dictum Dominum Regem per extentam xx s per annum, in auxilium firmæ prædictæ, ut prædictum est, prostravit, & illud extra solum Regis usque in solum ipsius Magistri *Willelmi* amoveri, & ibidem levare fecit, in exheredationem Domini Regis. Et hoc petunt similiter quod inquiretur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat hic, in Octabis Sancti Martini xii &c, de Visneto de *Derleton* & *Ragenhull*, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 9. b.*



CHAP. by the said Master *Richard*. Who being present in Court acknowledged he had received the said money. Thereupon the Tenants had Judgment to be dismissed the Court. At this time Master *Richard* was a Baron of the Exchequer (b). XXXII. XXXIII.

XXXII. In the Eighteenth year of K *Edward* II, a Moiety of the Town of *Tameworth* was vested in the King. His Men and Tenants of That Moiety paid him a Ferme with an increment for it (i).

XXXIII. King *Edward* III in the Second year of his reign pardoned and remitted to the Burgeses of *Newcastle upon Tyne* all the Debts and arreres of Debts which they owed to him or his Progenitors (k). At the same time the King pardoned and released all debts and arreres to the Men of the County of *Cumberland* (l), and to the Men of the County of *Westmerland*, in the same form of words (m).

XXXIV. In

(b) Cant[eburgie]. Cum Tenentes Hundredi de Wycheford districti essent de veniendo hic in Octabis Sancti Hillarii nunc, ad respondendum Magistro Ricardo de Abyndon & Margerie Criel Executrici testamenti Margerie quæ fuit uxor Roberti Hereward & executrix testamenti ipsius Roberti defuncti, de placito quod reddant eis Lxxixs vi d, quos debuerunt dictis Magistro Ricardo & Roberto, de tempore quo fuerunt Custodes Episcopatus Eliens[is] sede vacante, de portionibus ipsos tenentes contingentibus de quodam tallagio assesso tempore vacationis prædictæ. Radulfus de Norwico Ballivus lib[ertatis] Episcopi Eliensis venit, & dicit quod satisfactum est prædicto Magistro Ricardo de prædictis Lxxixs vi d. Et protulit quandam Literam patentem, quam dicit esse factum ipsius Magistri Ricardi, quæ hoc testatur. Et idem Magister Ricardus, qui præsens est in Scaccario, bene concedit quod prædicti tenentes satisfecerunt ei de prædictis Lxxixs vi d. Ideo consideratum est quod eant inde quieti. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 28. a.*

Essexia. Dies datus est Magistro Ricardo de Abyndon Baroni de Scaccario querenti, & Johanni de Harpesfeld [defendenti], de placito transgressionis, usque a die S Johannis Baptistæ in xv dies, prece parciū. *Ib. Rot. 53. b.*

(i) Homines & Tenentes Regis de Tameworth in Comitatu Warr[ewici] r c de Cxvi s de firma medietatis ejusdem villæ & incremento ejusdem imperpetuum, sicut continetur ibidem; In th l in ii talliis, Et q f. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Warr. & Leyc. m. 1. a.*

(k) Northumbria. De debitis Regis perdonatis Burgenfibus Villæ Novi Castri super Tynam.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Volentes Burgenfibus Villæ nostræ Novi Castri super Tynam, qui per frequentes accessus Scotorum in partibus illis dampna quamplurima per tempus non modicum sustinuerunt, gratiam facere specialem, perdonavimus eisdem Burgenfibus omnia debita quæ ab ipsis, tam de viridi cera, quam de arreragiis firmarum, aut quacumque alia occasione de tempore nostro, seu temporibus progenitorum no-

strorum, per Summonitiones Scaccarii nostri exiguntur, necnon exitus forisfactos, catalla felonum, & omnia alia debita quæ nobis quovis alio modo debent, exceptis debitis pro victualibus Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris nostri per ipsos emptis, usque ad diem confectionis præsentium; & ipsos Burgenfes de omnibus prædictis debitis tenore præsentium quietamus. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes; Teste meipso apud Westm. xii<sup>o</sup> die Februarii anno regni nostri primo. Per petitionem de Consilio. *Pas. Communia 2 Edw. 3. Rot. —. a.*

(l) Cumbr[ia]. De debitis Regis perdonatis in Comitatu Cumbriæ.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Volentes hominibus Comitatus nostri Cumbriæ, qui per frequentes accessus Scotorum in partibus illis dampna quamplurima per tempus non modicum sustinuerunt, gratiam facere specialem, perdonavimus eisdem hominibus omnia debita quæ ab ipsis, tam de viridi cera quam de arreragiis firmarum, aut quacumque alia occasione de tempore nostro seu temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum, per Summonitiones Scaccarii nostri exiguntur, necnon exitus forisfactos, catalla felonum, & omnia alia debita quæ nobis quovis alio modo debent, exceptis debitis pro victualibus Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris nostri per ipsos emptis, usque ad diem confectionis præsentium; & ipsos Homines de omnibus prædictis debitis tenore præsentium quietamus. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes; Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xii die Februarii anno regni nostri primo. Per petitionem de Consilio. *Pas. Communia 2 Edw. 3. Rot. 4. a.*

(m) Westmerlandia. Litera Hominum Comitatus Westmerlandiæ per quam Rex perdonavit eis debita sua.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Volentes Hominibus Comitatus nostri Westmerlandiæ, qui per frequentes accessus Scotorum in partibus illis dampna quamplurima per tempus non modicum sustinuerunt, gratiam facere specialem, perdonavimus eisdem Hominibus omnia debita quæ ab ipsis, tam de



CHAP. XXXIV. In the Third year of K *Edward III*, the Sherifs of the Counties of *S E C T.*  
 V. *Bedford* and *Bukingham* had exacted from the Men of those Counties certain pre-XXXIV.  
 stations for beaupleder. The said Sherifs were summoned to appear in the Exche-XXXV.  
 quer, and inform the Barons upon What grounds they exacted the same. The  
 Men or Commoners of the said Counties appeared in the Exchequer by their At-  
 torney. The Sherifs also appeared. All the Parties had further Day given  
 them (n).

XXXV. The Men or Commoners of a County, when spoken-of collectively, have been frequently styled *Communitas*, a *Community*. K *Henry III*, in the Thirtieth year of his reign, granted a Patent-Letter to the Barons Knights Frank-tenants and the whole *Communa* of the County of *Chester* (o). In the Sixteenth year of K *Edward III*, the Communities of the Counties of *England* are said to have granted certain Customs or Subsidies to the King (p). In the Nineteenth year of K *Edward III*, it is said in a Patent-Letter, that a *Fifteenth* was granted to the King by the Earls Barons and Communities of the Counties of *England* (q); and

de viridi cera quam de arreragiis firmarum, aut aliqua alia occasione, de tempore nostro, seu temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum, per summonitiones Scaccarii nostri exiguntur, nec non exitus forisfactos, catalla felonum, & omnia alia debita quæ nobis quovis alio modo debent, exceptis debitis pro victualibus Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris nostri per ipsos emptis, usque ad diem confectionis præsentium; & ipsos Homines de omnibus prædictis debitis tenore præsentium quietamus. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. T meipso apud Westm. xii<sup>o</sup> die Februarii anno regni nostri primo. Per petitionem de Consilio. *Pat. Communia 2 Edw. 3. Rot. 1. b.*

(n) *Bed. Buk.* Cum Rogerus de Tiryng-ham & Philippus de Aillesbury districti fuissent per terras & catalla &c, de essendo coram Baronibus hic modo in Craſtino Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, ad informandum Barones &c de modo & causa exactiōis quam iidem Rogerus & Philippus tempore quo fuerunt Vicecomites Comitatum prædictorum fecerunt hominibus eorundem Comitatum, de quibusdam præstationibus pro pulcre placitando, & qualiter & quo modo hujusmodi præstationes ab eisdem hominibus exegerunt; iidem Rogerus & Philippus, & similiter prædicti homines per Attornatum eorum venerunt. Et habent diem ex eorum assensu in Octabis Sancti Michaelis eo statu &c. Ad quem diem prædicti homines per Attornatum eorum venerunt. Et prædicti Rogerus & Philippus non venerunt. Ideo ipsi Rogerus & Philippus in misericordia. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias, quod ipsos distingat per terras & catalla &c, Ita quod habeat corpora &c a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad informandum &c. Et idem dies datus est hominibus prædictis. Ad quem diem iidem homines venerunt, & Vicecomes non retornavit breve suum. Ideo præceptum est sicut pluries, Ita &c a die Paschæ in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est hominibus prædictis. *Placita coram Baronibus 3 Edw. 3. Rot. 26. a.*

(o) *Pro Hominibus Cestreshyræ.* Rex Baronibus Militibus & omnibus libere tenentibus & toti Commune de Comitatu Cestr[iæ]

salutem. Cum asseratis vos non teneri ad victualia conducenda in Wallia ad Castra nostra ibidem munienda, eo quod numquam tempore Comitis Ranulfi, nec temporibus aliquorum prædecessorum suorum, hujusmodi servitia facere consuevistis: vos rogamus, quatinus hac vice, de speciali gratia vestra, una cum J de Grey Justificario Cestr[iæ], ad partes illas ea conducatis. Et ne hoc vobis alias cedere possit in præjudicium, contra libertates quas habetis per cartas prædictorum Comitum, vel per longam tenuram, has Literas nostras vobis inde mittimus patentes. Teste Rege ibidem [viz. apud Marleburgh] vi<sup>o</sup> die Augusti. *Pat. 30 Hen. 3. m. 2. a.*

(p) *De lanis colligendis.* Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Hugoni Tirel Vicecomiti Dorsetæ, Willelmo Everard, Waltero Barel, & Nicholao de Cottele, salutem. Sciatis quod cum Prælati Comites Barones & Communitates Comitatum Civitatum & Burgorum regni nostri Angliæ, in ultimo Parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium convocato, in recompensationem nonæ de secundo anno nonæ biennalis nobis pridem per eosdem Prælatos Comites Barones & Communitates certis de causis concessæ, concesserint nobis —. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo die Aprilis. *Originale 16 Edw. 3. Rot. 12.*

(q) *De decima & quintadecima colligenda.* Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Philippo de Welleſle & Gilberto de Hiwys salutem. Sciatis quod cum Comites Barones Milites & Communitates Comitatum quintadecimam, ac Cives & Burgenſes Civitatum & Burgorum regni nostri Angliæ decimam, omnium bonorum suorum mobilium pro biennio tunc futuro, videlicet pro primo anno simpliciter, & pro secundo anno si mare propter guerram nostram Franciæ transire nos contingat, in Parlamento apud Westm[onasterium] ad Octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo præteritis convocato, in auxilium expensarum quas pro expeditione guerrarum nostrarum facere nos oportet, concesserint, eodem modo quo hujusmodi decimæ & quintadecimæ nobis ultimo concessæ levatæ fuerunt, levandam —. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xviii<sup>o</sup> die Martii. *Originale 19 Edw. 3. Rot. 3.*



CH A P. and after the like manner, it is said in a Patent-Letter, that at a Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the Twentieth year of the reign of K *Edward III*, the XXXV. V. Earls Barons Knights and Communities of the Counties of *England* granted to the King a *Fifteenth* of all their Moveables (*r*). The like way of speaking is used in the Nineteenth year of K *Richard II* (*s*), and in the Fourth year of K *Henry IV* (*t*).

Moreover, Knights of Shires attending in Parliaments, were wont to be chosen by the Community of each County; And their Wages were levyable upon the said Community. In the Second year of K *Edward II*, *William de Boyton* brought an action of Trespass in the Court of Exchequer, against *Thomas de Holme*. The Plaintiff Declareth, that in the thirtyfifth year of K *Edward I*, the Defendant was Undersherif to *Giles Munpinzon* Sherif of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*; that he then levied *xv l* upon the whole Community of the County of *Suffolk*, to the use of the Plaintiff and of *Robert de Reydon*, which were granted to them for their expenses in coming for the said whole Community to the Kings Parliament at *Westminster*, to grant to Him a *Thirtieth* of their goods, as the rest of the Kingdom did; and that the said Defendant wrongfully detained from the Plaintiff *viii l xs*, his contingent part of the said *xv l*. The Defendant acknowledgeth, that he received the Kings Writ to levy the said *xv l* on the Community of the County of *Suffolk*, to the use of the Plaintiff and the said *Robert*, for their expenses; and that by vertue thereof he levied on the Men of the *Corpus Comitatus* which is in the Geldable, *Lxs* onely, which he paid to the said *Robert* the Plaintiffs companion in part of his share; and that he did not and could not levy any more, because the Liberties of *St Edmund* and *Ely* make-up Two parts of the County, which Liberties he could not enter by vertue of that Writ. The Plaintiff Replyeth, That the said Writ imported, that the Sherif should not omitt, for any Liberty, to levy the said money; and that upon the said Writ the Defendant levied, as well of the Geldable of the said County, as of the Liberties of *St Edmund* and *Ely*, the said *viii l xs*, to the use of the said *William*, and doth unjustly detain the same from the Plaintiff. Issue is joined between the parties (*u*). In the Second

(*r*) Londonia. Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis, Adæ Lucas Johanni de Bedeford Willelmo de Ponte fracto & Henrico Wymond salutem. Sciatis quod cum Comites Barones Milites ac Communitates Comitatum quintamdecimam, ac Cives & Burgenses Civitatum & Burgorum regni nostri Angliæ decimam, omnium bonorum suorum mobilium, in Parlamento nostro apud Westm[onasterium] ad diem Lunæ proximo post festum Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ Virginis anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo convocato, pro biennio tunc proximo futuro, in auxilium expensarum quas pro expeditione guerrarum nostrarum ac salvatione & defensione dicti regni nostri Angliæ facere nos oportet, concesserint, eodem modo quo hujusmodi decimæ & quintædecimæ nobis ultimo concessæ levatæ fuerunt levandam, & nobis ad terminos omnium Sanctorum & Paschæ dicti biennii solvendam —. Teste Custode prædicto apud Wyndesore quinto die Octobris. Originale 21 Edw. 3. Rot. 22.

(*s*) Rex dilectis sibi Gilberto Bonge & Johanni Cristian salutem. Cum Domini Magnates & Communitates Comitatum Civitatum & Burgorum regni nostri Angliæ, in Parlamento nostro apud Wyntoniam ultimo tento, concesserint nobis quoddam Subsidium, videlicet de quolibet dolio vini infra regnum nostrum Angliæ adducendo, & de eodem educendo, tres solidos, & de qualibet libra de quibuscunque aliis mercandis infra regnum nostrum Angliæ adducendis & de eodem educendis,

lanis coriis & pellibus lanutis duntaxat exceptis, tam de alienigenis quam de indigenis, quibuscunque cartis seu Literis patentibus in contrarium factis non obstantibus, duodecim denarios. Habendum —. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xxviii<sup>o</sup> die Octobris. Originale 19 Ric. 2. Rot. 5.

(*t*) Rex dilectis sibi Thomæ Burton & Thomæ Dysterre salutem. Cum Domini Magnates & Communitates Comitatum Civitatum & Burgorum regni nostri Angliæ, in Parlamento nostro anno regni nostri secundo, concesserint nobis quoddam Subsidium, videlicet de quolibet dolio vini —. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] primo die Octobris. Originale 4 Hen. 4. Rot. 1.

(*u*) Suff[olcia]. Thomas de Hulmo attachatus fuit hic in Scaccario ad respondendum Willelmo de Boyton, de placito transgressionis. Et unde queritur quod cum idem Thomas in anno Regis E patris Regis nunc xxxv<sup>o</sup>, quo tempore fuit Subvicecomes Egidii Munpinzon tunc Vicecomitis Norf[olciæ] & Suff[olciæ], per breve ejusdem Regis, levasset de tota Communitate dicti Comitatus Suff[olciæ] xv libras ad opus ipsius Willelmi & Roberti de Reydon, quæ eis concessæ fuerunt pro expensis suis de veniendo pro tota Communitate prædicta ad Parlamentum dicti Regis apud Westmonasterium, ad concedendum ei tricesimum bonorum suorum, sicut & cæteri fecerunt de regno Angliæ, idem Thomas præfato Willelmo hucusque injuste detinuit,



CHAP. Second year of K *Edward II*, the Wages of *Gerard de Braybrok* who served in S E C T. V. Parliament as one of the Knights of *Hertfordshire*, were, by vertue of the Kings XXXV.

Writ issued for that purpose, levied upon the Men of the Community of that County (*w*). In the same Second year, *Sir William de Goldington* Knight of the Shire of *Westmerland* demanded Wages for attending in Two several Parliaments. Writs of the *Great Seal* were issued in his behalf. The said Wages were levied on the Community of that County (*x*). The like was done again, in the case of the

nuit, & adhuc detinet viii xs, de portione sua ipsum inde contingente, & eos ei reddere contradicit, ad dampnum ipsius Willelmi x marcarum &c.

Et prædictus Thomas in propria persona venit, & defendit omnem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et bene cognovit quod breve Regis habuit, quod venit dicto Egidio tunc Domino suo, ad levandum de Communitate Comitatus Suff[olciæ] prædictas xvi, ad opus dictorum Willelmi & Roberti pro expensis suis prædictis; Et quod virtute illius brevis levavit de hominibus Corporis Comitatus quod est in Guldabili Lxs tantum, quos solvit prædicto Roberto Socio dicti Willelmi in partem solutionis portione suæ prædictæ; Et quod plus inde non levavit nec levare potuit, eo quod duæ partes ejusdem Comitatus sunt de Libertatibus Sancti Edmundi & sanctæ Etheldredæ, quas ingredi non potuit virtute brevis prædicti; Ita quod nullam injuriam fecit prædicto Willelmo. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur.

Et prædictus Willelmus dicit, quod dictum breve Domini Regis, quod ipse tulit prædicto Egidio, ad levandum prædictos denarios, volebat in se quod Vicecomes non omitteret propter aliquam libertatem quin denarios illos levaret, & quod prædictus Thomas per idem breve levavit tam de Guldabili Comitatus prædicti, quam de Libertate Sancti Edmundi & Sanctæ Etheldredæ, prædictas viii xs, ad opus ipsius Willelmi, quos ei injuste detinet ut prædictum est. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic a die Sancti Martini in xv dies, xii tam de Corpore Comitatus guldabili, quam de Libertatibus Sanctæ Etheldredæ & Sancti Edmundi, ad certificandum &c. Postea per continuationes dierum partes prædictæ habent diem in Octabis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, nisi W de Carleton prius ad partes illas venerit &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 7. a.*

(*w*) Hertf[ordscira]. Gerardus de Braybrok venit hic super compotum Walteri le Baud Vicecomitis Comitatus Hertf[ordiae], & queritur de eodem Vicecomite, quod cum idem Vicecomes, per breve Domini Regis sibi directum, levasset de Hominibus dicti Comitatus decem libras, ad opus dicti Gerardi, pro expensis suis sibi per eosdem Homines concessis, de proficiscendo ad partes Karlioli, ad Parlamentum Domini Regis patris Regis E nunc, ad mandatum ipsius Regis; dictus Vicecomes prædictas xl penes se hucusque injuste detinuit, & adhuc detinet, ad dampnum ipsius Gerardi x marcarum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus Vicecomes qui præsens hic

defendit omnem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et bene cognovit quod levavit de Hominibus Communitatis Comitatus Hertf[ordiae] prædictas xl, ad opus dicti Gerardi, pro expensis suis prædictis. Set dicit quod idem Gerardus venit in pleno Comitatu apud Hertf[ordiam], & ibidem assignavit loco suo quendam Johannem de Schelford, ad recipiendum ad opus ipsius Gerardi denarios prædictos. Et, quod idem Johannes denarios illos in pleno Comitatu recepit, paratus est verificare qualitercumque &c.

Et prædictus Gerardus dicit, quod ipse numquam assignavit prædictum Johannem ad recipiendum ad opus suum denarios prædictos, nec quod iidem denarii ad manus seu ad commodum ipsius Gerardi numquam devenerunt. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur; Et prædictus Vicecomes similiter. Ideo præceptum est Coronatoribus &c, quod venire faciant hic in quindena sancti Martini xii<sup>m</sup> &c, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 12. a.*

(*x*) Westmerl[andia]. Willelmus de Goldington Miles venit hic super compotum Nicholai de Cliburne nuper Vicecomitis Westmerl[andiae], & queritur de eodem Vicecomite, quod ubi idem Willelmus detulisset præfato Vicecomiti tria brevia Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, per quæ Rex mandavit eidem Vicecomiti, quod habere faceret præfato Willelmo de Communitate Comitatus prædicti, tam infra libertatem quam extra, rationabiles expensas suas, pro eo quod idem Willelmus de mandato Regis venit ad ipsum Regem nunc apud Norhamt[oniam] una vice, & ad patrem suum apud Karliolum alia vice, pro tota Communitate prædicta, super diversis negotiis ipsum Regem & regnum suum tangentibus tractaturus, Idem Vicecomes nullam executionem de dictis brevibus facere voluit, set levationem dictarum expensarum suarum hucusque facere omnino retardavit, in contemptum Regis C marcarum, & ad dampnum dicti Willelmi x librarum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus Vicecomes, qui præsens est, defendit omnem contemptum & quicquid &c. Et bene cognovit quod hujusmodi brevia Regis sibi venerunt, quod habere faceret dicto Willelmo rationabiles expensas suas de Communitate prædicta pro labore suo prædicto; set dicit quod in proximo Comitatu suo tento postquam primum breve receperat, idem Vicecomes ordinare fecit quid & quantum idem Willelmus haberet pro expensis suis prædictis, & habito super hoc tractatu inter ipsum Willelmum & homines de Communitate dicti Comitatus, iidem homines concesserunt ei xls

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CHAP. the above named Gerard de Braybrok and of his Fellow John de Somery, Knights S E C T.  
 V. of Hertfordshire in the Kings Parliament (y). In the Third year of K Edward XXXV.  
 III, John de Bourne who had attended in Parliament as one of the Knights for the  
 Community of the County of Kent, demanded his Wages of the Sherif of Kent.  
 He had Writs of the Great Seal for levying the money on the Community of that  
 County (z). K Edward IV by a Writ of his Great Seal commanded the Sherifs  
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pro expensis suis, de quibus idem Willelmus tunc temporis se tenuit bene contentum, & in partem solutionis eorundem xls recepit apud Appelby dimidiam marcam, & residuæ duæ marcæ & dimidia levatæ sunt & traditæ certis hominibus de Comitatu prædicto custodiendæ, qui parati sunt illas præfato Willelmo liberare, cum eas recipere voluerit. Ita quod non remansit in ipso Vicecomite, quin dictus Willelmus habere possit expensas suas pro voluntate sua. Et quod nullam injuriam ei fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur.

Et prædictus Willelmus dicit, quod nunquam habebatur hujusmodi tractatus inter ipsum & homines dictæ Communitatis, quod ipse caperet xls tantum pro expensis suis; nec aliquem denarium inde recepit: Set quod dictus Vicecomes dictas expensas suas, quæ attingunt ad decem libras ad minus, hucusque levare distulit maliciose ut prædictum est. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiretur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat hic a die Paschæ in tres septimanas xii &c de Comitatu prædicto, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 18. b.*

(y) Essex[ia], Hertf[ord]scira. Johannes de Harpefeld attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Gerardo de Braybrok, de placito quod reddat ei decem marcas sex solidos & octo denarios, quos ei debet & injuste detinet. Et unde idem Gerardus queritur, quod cum ipse & Johannes de Somery electi essent per totam Communitatem Comitatus Hertf[ord]iæ, ad proficiscendum ad partes Karlioli pro eadem Communitate, in Octabis Sancti Hillarii anno regni E. patris Regis E. nunc xxxv°, ad Parliamentum ejusdem Regis; Ac idem Gerardus, in reditu suo de partibus Karlioli, tulisset præfato Johanni de Harpefeld tunc Vicecomiti Essex[iæ] & Hertf[ord]iæ breve Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo, ad levandum ad opus ipsorum Gerardi & Johannis de Somery de Hominibus Comitatus Hertf[ord]iæ expensas suas quæ taxatæ fuerunt per dictam Communitatem ad xxl: prædictus Johannes de Harpefeld levavit de eisdem Hominibus xl ad opus ipsius Gerardi, pro expensis suis prædictis, de quibus ei adhuc detinet prædictas x marcas vis viii d, minus juste, & ad dampnum ipsius Gerardi xl. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædictus Johannes de Harpefeld venit, & defendit omnem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et bene cognovit quod breve Regis sibi venit, ad levandum de Hominibus Comitatus Hertf[ord]iæ expensas dicti Gerardi, quæ agitatae fuerunt ad xl, de quibus levavit Lxs, quos solvit prædicto Gerardo; Et quod plus

non levavit ad opus ipsius Gerardi, eo quod statim amotus fuit ab officio suo, antequam residuum dictarum xl levare potuit. Ita quod nullam injuriam ei fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur. Ad quod idem Gerardus bene cognovit quod recepit prædictos Lxs; Set dicit quod prædictus Johannes de Harpefeld levavit prædictas xl ad opus ipsius Gerardi, de quibus ei injuste detinet prædictas x marcas vis viii d, ut prædictum est. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiretur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic a die Paschæ in xv dies xii &c, de Comitatu Hertf[ord]iæ, ad certificandum &c. Postea in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo sequentibus partes prædictæ venerunt. Et inquisitio venit per Nicholaum Rymbaud & alios prout patet &c Juratores. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Johannes nullum denarium levavit de prædictis xl, præter Lxs tantum, de quibus eidem Gerardo satisfacit; Et quod plus inde levare non potuit, eo quod cito post receptionem dicti brevis amotus fuit ab officio suo. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Gerardus nichil capiat per breve suum; Set sit in misericordia pro falso clamore. Et prædictus Johannes eat inde sine die &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 31. a.*

(z) Kancia. Johannes de Bourne venit hic super compotum Willelmi de Orlaston Vicecomitis Kanciae, & queritur quod cum ipse Johannes fuisset unus de Militibus electis per Communitatem dicti Comitatus, de essendo pro eadem Communitate ad diversa Parliamenta Domini Regis, videlicet ad Parliamentum Regis tentum apud Lincoln[iam] in Crastino Exaltationis sanctæ Crucis, anno regni Regis hujus primo, & ad duo Parliamenta apud Ebor[acum] anno secundo, & ad Parliamentum tentum apud Northampt[oniam] & Parliamentum tentum apud Saresburiam eodem anno secundo, & super hoc detulisset & liberasset eidem Vicecomiti diversa brevina, & diversis temporibus, apud Cantuar[iam], ad levandum de Communitate prædicta ad opus ipsius Johannis & Sociorum suorum diversas summas denariorum, pro expensis suis in morando ad Parliamenta prædicta, videlicet primo die Octobris dicto anno primo unum breve ad levandum viii/ xii s pro prædicto Parlamento apud Lincoln[iam], & xxviii° die Martii dicto anno secundo unum aliud breve ad levandum xvii/ xvi s pro uno dictorum Parliamentorum apud Ebor[acum], & xxx° die Augusti eodem anno secundo tertium breve de viii/ pro altero Parliamentorum ibidem, & xxx° die Maii eodem anno secundo quartum breve de xl viii s pro dicto Parlamento



CHAP. of *Middlesex*, to cause Two Knights to be chosen out of the Community of That County, to come to Parliament for the said Community, Two Citifens out of each City, to come to Parliament for the Community of such City, and Two Burgeffes for every Burgh, to come for the Community of such Burgh. By virtue of this Writ, *Henry Frowik* was chosen by the Community of the County of *Middlesex*, to be one of the Knights of the Shire. And he afterwards obtained a Writ out of the Kings Chancery, commanding the Sherifs of *Middlesex* to levy his Wages, at *iiiiis per diem*, upon the Community of the County. Which was done (a). The like proceedings *mutatis mutandis*, were had in the case of *Thomas*

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liamento apud Norhamt[oniam], & xi<sup>o</sup> die Novembris eodem anno quintum breve ad levandum xl viiis pro prædicto Parlamento apud Saresburiam, idem Vicecomes omnes denarios prædictos levavit, & eidem Johanni nichil inde solvit seu solvere curavit hucusque, in contemptum Domini Regis &c, & ad dampnum ipsius Johannis xl marcarum. Et inde producit sectam &c. Et prædictus Willelmus bene concedit receptionem brevium prædictorum, set dicit quod nullum denarium de expensis prædictis levavit. Dicit enim quod, pro eo quod ipse nec per se nec per Ministros suos levationi denariorum prædictorum propter negotia Domini Regis intendere potuit, ipse ad instantiam & specialem requisitionem ipsius Johannis, assignavit quosdam Robertum de Foukyng & Eustachium de Bourne, & eis ex assensu ejusdem Johannis commissiones fecit, unam videlicet commissionem prædicto Roberto, & præfato Eustachio alteram, ad levandum denarios prædictos, & eos prædicto Johanni & sociis suis solvendo, & utrum ipsi quicquam inde leverint necne non constat ei nec constare potest, eo quod ipse amplius se inde hætenus non intromisit. Et petit judicium. Et prædictus Johannes non dedit quin quædam commissio facta fuit prædicto Eustachio de levatione dictorum denariorum. Set dicit quod antequam commissio illa facta fuerat, prædictus Vicecomes per se & Ministros suos omnes summas denariorum prædictas de Communitate prædicta, videlicet de Homini-bus Lasti Sancti Augustini, de Hominibus Ballivæ de Aillesford, de Hominibus Ballivæ de Schrewynghope, de Hominibus septem hundredorum, & de Hominibus Ballivæ de Sutton, levavit & levare fecit. Et hoc paratus est verificare &c.

Et prædictus Willelmus dicit quod ipse ante confectionem dictæ commissionis nullum denarium de summis prædictis levavit nec levare fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur &c. Et prædictus Johannes similiter. Ideo præceptum est Coronatoribus, quod venire faciant hic a die Paschæ in xv dies xii &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est partibus prædictis. *Placita coram Baronibus* 3 *Edw. 3. Rot. 8. b.*

(a) *Middelfexia*. Johannes Tate & Johannes Stone nuper Vicecomites Comitatus *Middelfexiæ*, attachiati fuerunt per breve hujus Scaccarii, essendi hic modo die Lunæ undecimo die Novembris hoc Termino, ad respondendum Henrico Frowyk Armigero, nuper uni Militum Comitatus prædicti, pro Com-

munitate ejusdem Comitatus ad Parliamentum Domini Regis nunc, quod apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo nono die Aprilis, anno regni dicti Domini Regis tertio, idem Dominus Rex summoniri fecit, venienti, in quodam placito debiti &c.

Et modo ad prædictam diem Lunæ, venit hic prædictus Henricus in propria persona sua. Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per Willelmum Saundre eorum Attornatum similiter venerunt hic. Et unde prædictus Henricus queritur versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites, de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei debent, & injuste detinent viginti & tres libras & sexdecim solidos argenti, & pro eo injuste, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex summoniri fecerit Parliamentum prædictum, apud Westm[onasterium] dicto vicesimo nono die Aprilis tene-ri, Et ad Comitatum tentum die Jovis proximo ante festum annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, dicto anno tertio, apud Braynford in dicto Comitatu *Middelfexiæ*, coram Roberto Basset & Thoma Muschamp tunc Vicecomitibus dicti Comitatus *Middelfexiæ*, prætextu cujusdam brevis Domini Regis nunc, tunc Vicecomitibus ejusdem Comitatus *Middelfexiæ* directi ad duos Milites Comitatus illius de Communitate ejusdem Comitatus, pro eadem Communitate, ac duos Cives de qualibet Civitate Comitatus prædicti, pro Communitate ejusdem Civitatis, & duos Burgen-ses de quolibet Burgo ejusdem Comitatus, pro Communitate ejusdem Burgi, ad Parliamentum prædictum veniendos [*potius ven-turos*], in pleno Comitatu suo eligendos, dictis tunc Vicecomitibus ante prædictum diem Jovis deliberat[i], prædictus Henricus Frowyk, & quidam Thomas Lute, Milites Comitatus prædicti, per Communitatem ejusdem Comitatus veniend[i] pro eadem Communitate ad Parliamentum prædictum, juxta effectum ejusdem brevis, bene & fideliter electi, & Milites pro Communitate [Comitatus] illius extitissent, & pro Communitate Comitatus illius per unum diem in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, & ibidem per Centum decem & septem dies morando, & abinde per unum diem ad sua propria redeundo, fuissent; qui quidem dies in toto se attingunt ad Centum decem & novem dies; ac cum dictus Dominus Rex nunc post dictum Parliamentum finitum, scilicet vicesimo quarto die Marcii, anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc quinto, mandasset quoddam breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo extra Cancellariam suam, Vicecomitibus dicti Comitatus *Middelfexiæ* tunc existentibus directum; & per bre-

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ve illud præcepisset eisdem tunc Vicecomitibus, quod de Communitate Comitatus prædicti habere facerent Henrico Frowyk Armigero, & Thomæ Lute, Militibus Comitatus prædicti, pro Communitate ejusdem Comitatus ad Parliamentum ipsius Domini Regis, quod ipse apud Westm[onasterium] dicto vicesimo nono die Aprilis dicto anno tertio summoniri fecit, venientibus, quadraginta & septem libras & duodecim solidos, pro expensis suis veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidem morando, & exinde ad propria redeundo, videlicet per Centum decem & novem dies, utroque prædictorum Henrici & Thomæ capiente per diem quatuor solidos, prout in brevi illo plenius continetur; quod quidem breve dictus querens vicesimo sexto die Junii dicto anno quinto, apud Villam Westm[onasterii] in dicto Comitatu Middelsexiæ, deliberavit cuidam Thomæ Muschamp adtunc Subvic[ecomiti] dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ dictorum Johannis Tate & Johannis Stone, nuper Vicecomitum jam defendencium, tunc Vicecomitum dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ, exequendum; Virtute cujus quidem brevis, dicti jam defendentes vicesimo tertio die Augusti tunc proximo sequente, apud Villam Westm[onasterii] prædictam, fieri fecerunt de dicta Communitate Comitatus prædicti Middelsexiæ, quadraginta & septem libras & duodecim solidos prædictos. Et licet ipse querens post levationem prædictam sic factam, requisiverit præfatos jam defendentes ad ei solvendum dictas viginti & tres libras & sexdecim solidos jam in demanda, eidem Henrico Frowyk pro expensis suis prædictis in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidemque morando, & abinde ad sua propria redeundo, per Centum decem & novem dies prædictas, ut medietatem dictarum quadraginta & septem librarum & duodecim solidorum prædictorum, jam querenti pertinentium; dicti tamen jam defendentes viginti & tres libras & sexdecim solidos prædictos, jam in demanda, sive aliquam inde parcellam, præfato querenti nondum solverunt, set hoc facere contradixerunt, & adhuc contradicunt. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valentiam viginti marcarum. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum præfatos &c, defendunt vim & injuriam, dampnum & quicquid &c; & petunt auditum brevis prædicti; & eis legitur &c; quo audito, dicunt quod ipsi ad præfens non sunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Henrico in præmissis, & petunt diem inde loquendi usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Henrico hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic, dictus videlicet Henricus Frowyk in propria persona sua, & prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum attornatum. Et prædictus Henricus petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei re-

spondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites, per prædictum eorum Attornatum, nichil dicunt in barram & exclusionem dictæ actionis prædicti Henrici. Et super hoc idem Henricus, ex quo prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum nichil dicunt, in barram ex exclusionem dictæ actionis ejusdem Henrici, petit judicium suum in præmissis, & debitum suum prædictum, unacum dampnis suis prædictis, sibi in hac parte adjudicari &c. Super quo visis præmissis per Barones prædictos, habitaque inde deliberatione pleniori inter eosdem, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædictus Henricus recuperet versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites debitum suum prædictum viginti & trium librarum & sexdecim solidorum prædictorum, & dampna sua, tam occasione injustæ detentionis debiti illius, quam pro misis & custagiis suis circa sectam suam prædictam in hac parte appositis, taxata per eosdem Barones ad decem solidos; quæ quidem summæ in toto se attingunt ad summam viginti & quatuor librarum & sex solidorum; & quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites sint in misericordia Domini Regis &c. Postea tamen, videlicet vicesimo secundo die Octobris, anno regni Domini Regis nunc Edwardi quarti post conquestum sexto, prædictus Henricus Frowyk venit coram præfatis Baronibus hic in propria persona sua, & bene cognovit coram eisdem Baronibus hic, quod satisfactum est ei de viginti & quatuor libris & sex solidis prædictis. Cujus cognitionis prætextu, Consideratum est per Barones prædictos, quod prædicti Johannes Tate & Johannes Stone, de eisdem viginti & quatuor libris & sex solidis, erga prædictum Henricum Frowyk penitus exonerentur & quieti existant, ac inde eant sine die &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 61. a.*

(b) Midd[elsexia]. Johannes Tate & Johannes Stone nuper Vicecomites Comitatus prædicti, attachiati fuerunt per breve hujus Scaccarii, essendi hic modo die Lunæ undecimo die Novembris hoc termino, ad respondendum Thomæ Lute, nuper uni Militum Comitatus prædicti, pro Communitate ejusdem Comitatus ad Parliamentum Domini Regis nunc, quod apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo nono die Aprilis, anno regni dicti Domini Regis tertio, idem Dominus Rex nunc summoniri fecit, venienti, in placito debiti &c.

Et modo ad prædictum diem Lunæ venit hic prædictus Thomas Lute per Willelmum Castleton Attornatum suum. Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per Willelmum Saundre eorum Attornatum similiter venerunt hic. Et unde prædictus Thomas queritur versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites, de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei debent & injuste detinent viginti & tres libras & sexdecim solidos argenti, & pro eo injuste, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex summoniri fecerit Parliamentum prædictum apud Westm[onasterium] dicto vicesimo nono die Aprilis teneri, & ad Comi-



Comitatum tentum die Jovis proximo ante festum annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis dicto anno tertio, apud Braynford in dicto Comitatu Midd[elsexiæ], coram Roberto Bassett & Thoma Muschamp tunc Vicecomitibus dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ, prætextu cujusdam brevis Domini Regis nunc, tunc Vicecomitibus ejusdem Comitatus Middelsexiæ directi, ad duos Milites Comitatus illius de Communitate ejusdem Comitatus, pro eadem Communitate, ac duos Cives de qualibet Civitate Comitatus prædicti, pro Communitate ejusdem Civitatis, & duos Burghenses de quolibet Burgo ejusdem Comitatus, pro Communitate ejusdem Burgi, ad Parlamentum prædictum veniendos in pleno Comitatu suo eligend[os], dict[is] tunc Vic[ecomitibus] ante prædictum diem Jovis deliberat[i], prædictus Thomas Lute & quidam Henricus Frowyk, Milites Comitatus prædicti per Communitatem ejusdem Comitatus veniend[i] pro eadem Communitate ad Parlamentum prædictum, juxta effectum ejusdem brevis, bene & fideliter electi, & Milites pro Communitate Comitatus illius extitissent, & pro Communitate Comitatus illius per unum diem in veniendo ad Parlamentum prædictum, & ibidem per Cxvii dies morando, & abinde per unum diem ad sua propria redeundo, fuissent; qui quidem dies in toto se attingunt ad Cxix dies; ac cum dictus Dominus Rex nunc post dictum Parlamentum finitum, scilicet vicesimo quarto die Marci anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc quinto, mandasset quoddam breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo extra Cancellariam suam, Vicecomitibus dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ tunc existentibus directum, & per breve illud præcepisset eisdem tunc Vicecomitibus, quod de Communitate Comitatus prædicti habere facerent Henrico Frowyk Armigero, & Thomæ Lute, Milit[ibus] Comitatus prædicti, pro Communitate ejusdem Comitatus ad Parlamentum ipsius Domini Regis, quod ipse apud Westm[onasterium] dicto xxix<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis dicto anno tertio summoniri fecit, venientibus, quadraginta & septem libras & duodecim solidos, pro expensis suis veniendo ad Parlamentum prædictum, ibidem morando, & exinde ad sua propria redeundo, videlicet per Cxix dies, utroque prædictorum Henrici & Thomæ capient[e] per diem quatuor solidos, prout in brevi illo plenius continetur. Quod quidem breve dictus quærens vicesimo sexto die Junii dicto anno quinto, apud Villam Westm[onasterii] in dicto Comitatu Midd[elsexiæ], deliberavit cuidam Thomæ Muschamp ad tunc Subvic[ecomiti] dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ dictorum Johannis Tate & Johannis Stone, nuper Vicecomitem jam defendentium, tunc Vicecomitem dicti Comitatus Middelsexiæ, exequendum. Virtute cujus quidem brevis, dicti jam defendentes vicesimo tertio die Augusti tunc proximo sequente, apud Villam Westm[onasterii] prædictam, fieri fecerunt de dicta Communitate Comitatus prædicti Middelsexiæ xlviii / xiiis prædictos. Et licet ipse

querens, post levationem prædictam sic factam, requisiverit præfatos jam defendentes ad ei solvendum dictas xxiii / xvi s jam in demanda, eidem Thomæ Lute pro expensis suis prædictis, in veniendo ad Parlamentum prædictum, ibidemque morando, & abinde ad sua propria redeundo, per Cxix dies prædictos, ut medietatem dictarum xlviii / xiiis prædictarum jam querenti pertinentem, dicti tamen jam defendentes xxiii / xvi s prædictos jam in demanda, sive aliquam inde parcellam, præfato querenti nondum solverunt, set hoc facere contradixerunt, & adhuc contradicunt. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valentiam viginti marcarum. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum præfatos &c, defendunt vim & injuriam, dampnum, & quicquid &c; & petunt auditum brevis prædicti; & eis legitur &c; quo audito, dicunt quod ipsi ad præfens non sunt avifati ad respondendum præfato Thomæ Lute in præmissis, & petunt diem inde loquendi usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Thomæ Lute hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos. Et prædictus Thomas Lute petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei respondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt, quod ipsi ad præfens non sunt avifati ad respondendum præfato Thomæ Lute in præmissis. Et petunt ulterius diem inde loquendi, usque diem Mercurii quintum diem Februarii proximo futurum, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Thomæ Lute hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos. Et prædictus Thomas Lute petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei respondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum nichil dicunt in barram & exclusionem dictæ actionis prædicti Thomæ Lute. Et super hoc idem Thomas Lute, ex quo prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum nichil dicunt, in barram & exclusionem dictæ actionis ejusdem Thomæ, petit judicium suum in præmissis, & debitum suum prædictum, unacum dampnis suis prædictis, sibi in hac parte adjudicari &c. Super quo visis præmissis per Barones prædictos, habitaque inde deliberatione pleniori inter eosdem, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædictus Thomas recuperet versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites debitum suum prædictum viginti & trium librarum & sexdecim solidorum prædictorum, & dampna sua, tam occasione injustæ detentionis debiti illius, quam pro mis[sis] & custag[iis] suis circa sectam suam in hac parte appositis taxatis per eosdem Barones ad tresdecim solidos & quatuor denarios, quæ quidem summæ in toto se attingunt ad summam viginti &



quatuor librarum novem solidorum & quatuor denariorum, & quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ſint in miſericordia Domini Regis &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 58. b.*

(c) Warr[ewicſcira]. Simon Mountford Miles, nuper unus Militum Comitatus Warr[ewici], pro Communitate ejusdem Comitatus, ad Parliamentum Domini Regis nunc, quod apud Weſtm[onaſterium] viceſimo nono die Aprilis anno regni dicti Domini Regis tertio ſummoniri fecit, veniens, venit coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii, duodecimo die Februarii hoc Termino per Thomam Harryſon Attornatum ſuum, & queritur per billam verſus Johannem Higford Juniorem, nuper Vicecomitem Comitatus prædicti, præſentem hic in Curia eodem die ſuper compoto ſuo, de officio Vicecomitis Comitatum Warr[ewici] & Leyc[eſtriæ], hic ad hoc Scaccarium reddendo per Edwardum Durraunt Attornatum ſuum, de eo quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes ei debet & injuſte detinet viginti & quinque libras argenti, Et pro eo injuſte, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex ſummoniri fecerit Parliamentum prædictum, apud Weſtm[onaſterium] dicto viceſimo nono die Aprilis teneri, & ad plenum Comitatum tentum apud Warr[ewicum] in dicto Comitatu Warr[ewici], die Lunæ proximo poſt Clauſum Paſchæ dicto anno tertio, coram Johanne Grevile tunc Vicecomite dicti Comitatus Warr[ewici], prætextu cujuſdam brevis Domini Regis nunc, tunc Vicecomiti ejusdem Comitatus Warr[ewici] directi, ad duos Milites Comitatus illius de Comitatu ejusdem Comitatus, pro eadem Communitate, ac duos Cives de qualibet Civitate Comitatus illius, pro Communitate ejusdem Civitatis, & duos Burgenſes de quolibet Burgo ejusdem Comitatus, pro Communitate ejusdem Burgi, ad Parliamentum prædictum venient[es] in pleno Comitatu ſuo eligend[os], dicto tunc Vicecomiti ante prædictum diem Lunæ deliberati, prædictus Simon & quidam Johannes Huggefurd Armiger, Milites Comitatus prædicti Warr[ewici] per Communitatem ejusdem Comitatus, veniend[tes] pro eadem Communitate ad Parliamentum prædictum, juxta effectum ejusdem brevis bene & fideliter electi, & Milites pro Communitate Comitatus illius extitiſſent, & pro Communitate Comitatus illius in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidemque morando, & exinde ad ſua propria redeundo fuiſſent, videlicet per Centum viginti & quinque dies. Ac cum dictus Dominus Rex nunc, poſt dictum Parliamentum finitum, ſcilicet viceſimo quarto die Marci, anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc quinto, mandaſſet quoddam breve ſuum de Magno Sigillo ſuo extra Cancellariam ſuam, Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Warr[ewici] tunc exiſtenti directum, & per breve illud præcepiſſet eidem tunc Vicecomiti, quod de Communitate Comitatus

illius habere faceret Simoni Mountford Militi, & Johanni Huggefurd Armigero, Militibus Comitatus Warr[ewici], pro Communitate ejusdem Comitatus ad Parliamentum ipſius Domini Regis, quod ipſe apud Weſtm[onaſterium] dicto xxix<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis dicto anno tertio ſummoniri fecerit, venientibus, quinquaginta libras, pro expenſis ſuis veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidem morando, & exinde ad propria redeundo, videlicet pro Centum viginti & quinque diebus, utroque prædictorum Simonis & Johannis capiente per diem quatuor ſolidos, prout in brevi illo plenus continetur; quod quidem breve dictus querens, ſecundo die Aprilis dicto anno quinto, apud Warr[ewicum] prædictum in dicto Comitatu Warr[ewici], deliberaſcit cuidam Rogero Greſwold adtunc Subvicecomiti dicti nuper Vicecomitis jam defendentis, adtunc Vicecomitis dicti Comitatus Warr[ewici], exequendum; Virtute cujus quidem brevis, dictus nuper Vicecomes jam defendens, viceſimo die Maii tunc proximo ſequenti, apud Solihull in dicto Comitatu Warr[ewici], fieri fecit & levavit de dicta Communitate dicti Comitatus Warr[ewici] quinquaginta libras prædictas; & licet ipſe querens poſt levationem prædictam ſic factam, requiſiverit præſatum nuper Vicecomitem jam defendentem, ad ei ſolvendum viginti & quinque libras prædictas jam in demanda, eidem querenti pro expenſis ſuis prædictis, in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidemque morando, & abinde ad ſua propria redeundo, per centum viginti & quinque dies prædictos, ut medietatem quinquaginta librarum prædictarum, præſato jam querenti pertinentes dictas, tamen nuper Vicecomes jam defendens, viginti & quinque libras prædictas jam in demanda, ſive aliquam inde parcellam, præſato querenti nondum ſolvit, ſed hoc facere contradixit, & adhuc contradicit. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valentiam decem librarum. Et hoc offert &c. *The Defendant appeareth and emparleth. Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 90. a.*

(d) *Somerſeta*. Henricus Hull Armiger, nuper unus Militum Comitatus *Somerſ[etæ]*, electus per Communitatem ejusdem Comitatus eſſendi pro eadem Communitate ad Parliamentum Domini Regis nunc, tentum apud Weſtm[onaſterium] tertio die Junii anno regni dicti Domini Regis ſeptimo, venit coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii quarto die Februarii hoc termino, per Jacobum Bartelot Attornatum ſuum, & queritur per billam verſus Reginaldum Stourton Militem, nuper Vicecomitem Comitatus *Somerſ[etæ]*, præſentem hic in Curia eodem die ſuper compoto ſuo de officio Vicecomitis Comitatum *Somerſ[etæ]* & *Dorſ[etæ]*, hic ad hoc Scaccarium reddendo per Willelmum Bernewey Attornatum ſuum, de eo quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes ei debet



CHAP. XXXVI. In the Twentyeighth year of K Edward III, Gilbert Chasteleyn Undersherif of the Counties of Warwick and Leiceſter was charged upon his Accompt XXXVI. to

bet & injuſte detinet ſex libras ſex ſolidos & octo denarios argenti, Et pro eo injuſte, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex ſummoniri fecerit Parliamentum prædictum apud Weſtm[onaſterium], dicto tertio die Junii teneri, Et quod ad Comitatum tentum apud Yevelcheſtre in dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ] die Lunæ proximo ante feſtum Pentecoſtes dicto anno ſeptimo, coram Roberto Stowell Armigero tunc Vicecomite dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ], prætextu cujuſdam brevis Domini Regis nunc, eidem tunc Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] directi, ad duos Milites Comitatus illius de Communitate ejuſdem Comitatus pro eadem Communitate, ac duos Cives de qualibet Civitate dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ], pro Communitate ejuſdem Civitatis, & duos Burgenſes de quolibet Burgo ejuſdem Comitatus, pro Communitate ejuſdem Burgi, ad Parliamentum prædictum veniend[os] *ſic in membrana*, & in pleno Comitatu ſuo eligendos, dicto Roberto Stowell tunc Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] ante prædictum diem Lunæ deliberat[i], prædictus Henricus Hull & quidam Johannes Sydenham Armiger, Milites pro dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ] per Communitatem ejuſdem Comitatus veniend[i] pro eadem Communitate ad Parliamentum prædictum, in pleno Comitatu dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] tento apud Yevelcheſtre prædict[am], dicto die Lunæ, coram præfato Roberto Stowell tunc Vicecomite dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ], juxta effectum ejuſdem brevis bene & fideliter electi, ac prædicti Henricus Hull & Johannes Sydenham Milites pro dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ], ſuper eodem brevi, per dictum Robertum Stowell tunc Vicecomitem dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ], dicto tertio die Junii ad Parliamentum prædictum retornati extitiſſent, & per tres dies in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, & ibidem per Lix dies morando, & abinde per tres dies ad ſua propria redeundo, fuiſſent; qui quidem dies in toto ſe attingunt ad ſexaginta & quinque dies; ac cum dictus Dominus Rex poſt dictum Parliamentum finitum, ſcilicet ſeptimo die Junii anno regni dicti Domini Regis octavo, mandaffet quoddam breve ſuum de Magno Sigillo ſuo extra Cancellariam ſuam, Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] tunc directum, præfato jam defendenti tunc Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] tunc exiſtenti, & per breve illud præcepiffet eidem Vicecomiti jam defendenti, quod de Communitate dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] habere faceret præfato Henrico Hull Armigero, & Johanni Sydenham Armigero, Militibus pro dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ], pro Communitate ejuſdem Comitatus, ad Parliamentum ipſius Domini Regis, quod ipſe apud Weſtm[onaſterium] dicto tertio die Junii dicto anno ſeptimo ſummoniri fecerit, venientibus, xxvi<sup>l</sup> pro expenſis ſuis veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidem morando, & exinde ad ſua pro-

pria redeundo, videlicet per ſexaginta & quinque dies, utroque prædictorum Henrici & Johannis Sydenham capiente per diem quatuor ſolidos, prout in brevi illo plenius continetur; quod quidem breve dictus querens, duodecimo die Auguſti dicto anno octavo, apud Yevelcheſtre prædict[am] in dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ], deliberavit præfato nuper Vicecomiti jam defendenti, tunc Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] exequendum; Virtute cujus quidem brevis, dictus jam defendens viceſimo ſecundo die Octobris tunc proximo ſequente, apud Yevelcheſtre prædict[am] in dicto Comitatu Somerſ[etæ], fieri fecit de dicta Communitate dicti Comitatus Somerſ[etæ] viginti & ſex libras prædictas. Et licet ipſe jam querens, poſt levationem prædictam inde ſic factam, requiſiverit præfato jam defendenti ad ei ſolvendum treſdecim libras, præfato Henrico Hull pro expenſis ſuis prædictis, in veniendo ad Parliamentum prædictum, ibidemque morando, & abinde ad ſua propria redeundo, per ſexaginta & quinque dies prædictos, ut medietatem dictarum viginti & ſex librarum præfato jam querenti pertinentium, de quibus quidem treſdecim libris præfatus Reginaldus ſolvit præfato Henrico Hull ſex libras treſdecim ſolidos & quatuor denarios prædictos; tamen jam defendens licet ſæpius requiſitus &c, dictas ſex libras ſex ſolidos & octo denarios jam in demanda, reſiduos de prædictis treſdecim libris, ſive aliquam inde parcellam, præfato querenti nondum ſolvit, ſet hoc facere contradixit, & adhuc contradicit. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valentiam viginti marcarum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus nuper Vicecomes per prædictum Attornatum ſuum præſens &c, petit auditum billæ prædictæ; & ei legitur &c; qua audita, dicit quod ipſe ad præſens non eſt aviſatus ad reſpondendum præfato Henrico in præmiſſis; & petit diem inde loquendi uſque a die Paſchæ in xv dies, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam conceſſum eſt ei; & idem dies datus eſt præfato Henrico hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos ſuos. Et prædictus Henricus petit quod prædictus Reginaldus ei reſpondeat in præmiſſis. Et ſuper hoc idem Reginaldus dicit, quod prædictus Henricus Hull actionem ſuam prædictam verſus eum habere ſeu manutenere non debet, quia quoad Lxxvi<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>d</sup> de prædictis vi<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>s</sup> viii<sup>d</sup>, ipſe Reginaldus dicit quod ipſe ante tempus impetrationis billæ prædictæ, ſcilicet decimo die Februarii anno regni Domini Regis nunc undecimo, apud Boure in Comitatu Somerſ[etæ], ſolvit præfato Henrico Hull ſexaginta & ſexdecim ſolidos & octo denarios, de prædictis vi<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>s</sup> viii<sup>d</sup> jam in demanda; quos quidem ſexaginta & ſexdecim ſolidos & octo denarios ipſe Henricus tunc & ibidem de eodem Reginaldo recepit. Et quoad quinquaginta ſolidos reſiduos



**CHAP.** to the King with fourscore pounds for the *Firma de proficuo* of his Counties, and with **S E C T.**  
**V.** *xl l* for the Old increment thereof. He came by his Attorney before the Barons of **XXXVI.**  
the Exchequer, and informed them, that the Townsmen of *Coventry* do hold certain Liberties in the County of *Warwick*, to wit in the Town of *Coventry* and the hamletts thereof; that the Men of the said Town and hamlets used to plead personal pleas in the County-courts and hundred-courts; that the issues and profits of those pleas are contained in the Ferm of the said Counties; and that the said Townsmen by reason of their said Liberties, have by their bailifs and ministers received and levied the profits arising from thence in the Sixandtwentieth year of the King, amounting to *xx l*, and do detein the same to their own use. He prayeth, that the said Townsmen may answer to the King for the said *xx l*, and that he may be discharged *de tanto*. Hereupon certain Townsmen of *Coventry* (unnamed in this Roll) were attached to answer in the premisses. The same unnamed defendants came by their Attorney, and Pray that the said *Gilbert* may inform the Court concerning the said issues and profits, and How and in What manner the same used to be levied. *Gilbert* delivereth into Court a Cedula of Information. To this the unnamed Townsmen plead, that the present King at the request of *Q Isabella* the Kings Mother, granted (amongst other things) for himself and his heirs, to the Men of *Coventry* Tenants of the Manour of *Cheilesmere* in the said County, which the King had granted to the said Queen-Mother for her life, the Remainder after her death to *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, that the said Men and Tenants and their heirs for ever should have cognisance of all Pleas to be holden by the said Queen-Mothers Stewards and the Bailifs of the said Town for the time being, or by others whom the said Queen-Mother should depute, namely as well of lands tenements and rents, as also of trespasses covenants contracts and quarells, emerging and made within the said Liberty and the View of Frankplege there, of all Tenants and Resiants within the Fee of the said Manour, and also of Pleas of Assises of Tenures within the said Liberty. They say, that by vertue of the Kings said Grant, the said Queen received and had the Pleas and perquisites of Courts in the Manour of *Cheilesmere*, and that She granted the same to the said Men and Tenants for a yearly ferm payable to Her. So that they are Tenants to the Queen, and cannot answer touching the premisses without Her. Wherefore they pray Aid of the Queen. But they say, that if this Court shall adjudg, that they shall answer without Her, they have sufficient matter to allege for their discharge in this case. Day is given to the said parties. They appear in Court. The Court ordereth the said Mayor and Commonalty to answer [without the Queen]. They emparle (e).

XXXVII. In

residuos de prædictis *vi l vis viii d*, idem Reginaldus dicit, quod ipse virtute brevis prædicti, quod dicto *xii<sup>o</sup>* die Augusti superius supponitur eidem Reginaldo deliberatum fuisse, non levavit nec fieri fecit de Communitate prædicta dicti Comitatus Somers[etæ] eosdem quinquaginta solidos residuos, prout dictus Henricus Hull superius supponit. Quæ omnia & singula ipse Reginaldus paratus est verificare prout Curia &c; unde non intendit quod prædictus Henricus Hull actionem suam prædictam versus eum habere seu manutenere debeat &c.

Et prædictus Henricus Hull dicit, quod ipse per aliqua præallegata ab actione sua prædicta habenda præcludi non debet; quia quoad prædictos *Lxxvi s viii d* parcellam de prædictis *vi l vis viii d*, ipse Henricus dicit quod prædictus Reginaldus non solvit ei prædictos *Lxxvi s viii d*, nec aliquam inde parcellam, modo quo prædictus Reginaldus superius placitando allegavit. Et quoad prædictos quinquaginta solidos residuos, ipse Henricus dicit quod ipse Reginaldus virtute brevis prædicti, quod dicto *xii<sup>o</sup>* die Augusti deliberatum fuit

præfato Reginaldo, fieri fecit & levavit eosdem quinquaginta solidos residuos, modo & forma quibus ipse Henricus Hull superius placitando allegavit. Quæ omnia & singula ipse Henricus Hull paratus est verificare similiter. Ideo fiat inde Jurata. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Somers[etæ], quod venire faciat hic in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis *xii &c*, de visneto de *Yewelchestre* & *Boure* prædict[is] in dicto Comitatu Somers[etæ], quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, & qui nec &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est partibus prædictis hic &c. — *There are continuances for several Terms and years. No Judgment. Placita coram Baronibus 12 Edw. 4. Rot. 74. b.*

(e) Warr[ewicscira]. Memorandum quod cum Gilbertus Chasteleyn Subvicecomes Comitatum Warre[wici] & Leic[estriæ] oneretur versus Regem, in compoto suo hic de officio [Vicecomitatus] Comitatum prædictorum reddito de anno *xxvi<sup>o</sup>* Regis nunc, de quater *xx l* de firma pro proficuo Comitatum prædictorum, & de *xl l* de veteri incremento eorundem Comitatum, sicut continetur in Magno



CHAP. XXXVII. In the Twenteighth year of K Edward III, William de Pateshull S E C T.  
V. and others Townsmen of Netherheyford, brought an action in the Court of Exche- XXXVII.  
quer, against Sir John de Lyouns, Sir Nicolas de Burneby and others, Collectours  
of a Triennial Tenth and Fifteenth from the Layety, for over-taxing the Men of  
Netherheyford, in order to under-tax and ease the Men of Overheyford (f).

XXXVIII. In

Magno Rotulo de prædicto anno xxvi, in Warr[ewicsira] Leic[estria]. Prædictus Gilbertus venit coram Baronibus xviii<sup>o</sup> die Februarii hoc anno, per Johannem de Sned Attornatum suum, & dicit quod cum homines Villæ de Coventre habeant & teneant ex concessione Regis diversas libertates in Comitatu Warr[ewici], videlicet in dicta Villa de Coventre & hamelettis ejusdem, quorum Villæ & hamelettorum homines solebant placitare in Com[itatibus] & hundredis placita personalia, & exitus & proficua de hujusmodi placitis provenientia infra firmam Comitatum prædictorum continentur, & Vicecomites eorundem Comitatum qui pro tempore fuerunt eadem exitus & proficua solebant percipere per annum, in auxilium firmæ Comitatum prædictorum, iidem homines per ballivos & Ministros suos perceperunt & levaverunt exitus & proficua hujusmodi, ratione libertatum suarum prædictarum, prædicto anno xxvi<sup>o</sup> usque ad summam xxl, videlicet proficua provenientia de placitis personalibus quæ solebant placitari in Com[itatibus] & hundredis, & dictas xxl penes se retinent. Et petit quod prædicti homines Regi respondeant de xxl prædictis, in exonerationem suam &c.

Et super hoc [here is a Blank in the Roll] Villæ prædictæ attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum in præmissis; & iidem [a Blank in the Roll] venerunt per Johannem de Horde Attornatum suum. Et petunt quod prædictus Gilbertus declaret & informet Curiam de proficuis & exitibus prædictis, & qualiter & quo modo levari solebant. Unde dictum est præfato Gilberto quod informet Curiam &c.

Et idem Gilbertus liberavit Curiam quandam Cedula de informatione sua super præmissis, quæ est inter billas de hoc Termino, in hæc verba. Denarii qui solebant levari ad opus Vicecomitis qui pro tempore fuerit in auxilium firmæ Comitatus Warr[ewici], & qui subtrahuntur propter libertatem hominum Villæ de Coventria, prout patet subsequenter. Placita & perquisitiones Curiarum hominum Villatæ de Coventria, qui solebant inplacitari in Com[itatibus] & hundredis, valent & solebant valere per annum Vicecomiti, xxl.

Et prædicti [a Blank in the Roll] dicunt, quod Rex nunc per cartam suam, ad rogatum Isabellæ Regina Angliæ, inter cætera concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, hominibus de Coventre tenentibus Manerii de Cheilemere cum pertinentiis in Comitatu prædicto, quod Rex eidem Matri suæ ad totam vitam suam dederat & concesserat, post mortem suam Edwardo filio Regis Primogenito Principi Walliæ remansur[um], & quod ipsi homines & tenentes, & eorum hæredes imperpetuum, haberent cognitiones omnium placitorum, per Senescallos ipsius Matris & ballivos

eiusdem Villæ pro tempore existentes, seu alios quos ad hoc eadem Mater deputeret, tenendorum, tam videlicet de terris tenementis & redditibus infra libertatem prædictam & visum franci plegii ibidem existentibus, quam de transgressionibus conventionibus contractibus & querelis infra libertatem & visum franci plegii prædictos, ac procinctum Manerii supradicti emergentibus sive factis, de quibuscunque tenentibus & residentibus infra feodum Manerii ejusdem, ac etiam placitorum assisarum de tenuris infra eandem libertatem —. Et dicunt, quod prædicta Regina virtute concessionis Regis prædictæ, placita & perquisitiones Curiarum in Manerio de Cheilemere & ejus pertinentiis percepit & habuit, & ipsa omnia & singula ei per dictas cartas per Regem concessa concessit præfatis hominibus & tenentibus pro certa firma eidem Matri annuatim reddenda. Ita quod ipsi homines sunt firmarii ipsius Regina, cui jus in præmissis accrevit, sine qua non possunt respondere in præmissis; & petunt auxilium de illa antequam &c. Set dicunt, quod si Curia consideraverit ipsos respondere absque prædicta Regina, ipsi satis habent ad respondendum de exoneratione sua in præmissis &c. Et super hoc datus est dies partibus prædictis hic in Craftino Clausi Paschæ super præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc.

Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt. Et viso processu prædicto &c, dictum est præfatis Majori & Communitati quod respondeant in præmissis &c. Et prædicti Major & Communitas dicunt, quod non sunt ad præsens plenarie informati ad respondendum super præmissis &c. Et petunt diem ulterius &c. Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 80. a.

(f) Norhamt[escire]. Vicecomes non retornavit hic, modo ad quindenam Paschæ, quoddam breve de Inquisitione, inter Willelmum de Pateshull ac alios homines Villæ del Netherheyford querentes, & Johannem de Lyouns Militem, Nicholaum de Burneby Militem, Willelmum Broun de Glapthorp, & Johannem de Tame, Collectores secundi anni x<sup>o</sup> & xv trienn[alis], Regi ultimo a laicis in Comitatu prædicto conc[essarum] defend[entes], ad recogn[oscendum] si prædicti Collectores præfatos homines del Netherheyford ad majorem summam, videlicet xlviis, quam ipsos rite contingebat juxta quantitatem bonorum suorum assederunt, in favorem hominum del Overheyford, & præfatos homines del Netherheyford pro dicta summa excessiva solvenda, die Lunæ proximo ante festum omnium Sanctorum ultimo præteritum, apud le Netherheyford, per averia sua distrinxerunt, & dictam summam excessivam de præfatis hominibus del Netherheyford per hujusmodi di-

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strictionem



CHAP. XXXVIII. In the Tenth year of K *Richard II*, *Nicolas Hotot* and several others S E C T. V. hereunder named, Men of the Hamlet of *Bordesden*, were attached to answer in XXXVIII. the Exchequer unto *Henry Fairman* and others, Men of the Town of *Little Hormede*, touching their Contingent part of a Quinzime and Moyety of a Quinzime a *Laicis*, granted in the Ninth year of the King, levyable within the Hamlet of *Bordesden*. The said *Henry Fairman* and other Townsmen of *Little Hormede* appeared by their Attorney; and the said *Nicolas Hotot* and his Fellows also appeared by their Attorney. Whereupon the said *Henry* and others the Townsmen of *Little Hormede* Declared upon their Case. The Defendants Plead. Issue is joined, and Tryed. The Verdict passeth for *Henry Fairman* and the rest of the Townsmen of *Little Hormede*. Judgment is given by the Court, That the said *Henry Fairman* and the other Men of *Little Hormede* do recover Cs in damages against the said *Nicolas Hotot* and the other persons Inhabitants of the Hamlet of *Bordesden* (g).

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strictionem levaverunt, assidendo præfatos homines del Overheyford ad minores summas quam ipsos rite contingebat solvere, & eodem modo parcendo eisdem hominibus del Overheyford in assensione & collectione prædictis, necne. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias, quod venire faciat hic xii &c, Ita &c a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est partibus. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt. Et Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis ulterius a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut pluries &c Ita &c ad eundem [diem]. *Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 89. a.*

(g) Hertford[scira]. Pro Hominibus Villæ de Parva Hormede versus Homines de Hamelletto de Bordesden, de certis summis solvendis ad quintamdecimam Regi concessam.

Nicholaus Hotot, Willelmus Turk, Rogerus Stalworth, Johannes Halden, Johannes Lovell, Johannes Warde, Johannes Snowe, Johannes Sandon & Katerina Stivere, de Hamelletto de Bordesden, attachiati fuerunt essendi hic modo in Octabis Sancti Hillarii, ad respondendum Henrico Fairman, Johanni Hogon, Johanni Crafte, & aliis Hominibus Villæ de Parva Hormede, de portionibus ipsos separatim contingentibus de quintadecima & medietate quintadecimæ Regi a laicis in Comitatu Hertford[iæ] anno regni sui nono concessis, infra Hamellettum de Bordesden.

Et ad prædictas Octabas prædictus Henricus Fairman, & alii Homines Villæ de Parva Hormede venerunt per Johannem Helwoldyne eorum Attornatum, Et prædictus Nicholaus Hotot & Socii sui prædicti per Thomam de Herlaston eorum Attornatum similiter venerunt. Et unde prædictus Henricus & alii Homines de Hormede queruntur & dicunt, quod dicta Villa de Hormede anno regni Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ Avi Regis nunc octavo, assessa & taxata fuit ad quintamdecimam dicto avo anno regni sui octavo concessam ad xliiis vii d, ad quam summam perficiendam omnes Homines dicti Hamelletti de Bordesden pro bonis & catallis suis ad quintamdecimam dicto avo anno regni sui octavo concessam cum Hominibus dictæ Vil-

læ de Hormede solverunt & ad quamlibet quintamdecimam prædicto avo aut Regi nunc a prædicto anno octavo hucusque concessam solverunt & solvere consueverunt, nisi tribus vicibus quando Homines de Bordesden per coercionem Nicholai Hotot, Willelmi Quey, & Willelmi Warde, & aliorum Collectorum xv<sup>a</sup> infra Villam de Brawyng solverunt cum Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Brawyng. Et dicunt quod ad quintamdecimam & medietatem quintadecimæ Regi a laicis anno regni sui nono concessæ, prædictus Nicholaus Hotot & Socii sui prædicti assessi & taxati fuerunt cum dictis Hominibus dictæ Villæ de parva Hormede, ad certas summas pecuniæ, videlicet prædictus Nicholaus ad iiii s, prædictus Willelmus Turk ad iiii s, dictus Rogerus Stalworth ad xviii d, dictus Johannes Halden ad xv d, dictus Johannes Warde ad vi d, dictus Johannes Snowe ad vi d, dictus Johannes Sandon ad vi d, & prædicta Katerina ad vi d; & quod prædictus Nicholaus & Socii sui prædicti summas prædictas ad quintamdecimam & medietatem quintadecimæ prædictas super ipsos sic assessas cum præfatis Hominibus de parva Hormede solvere recusarunt, & adhuc recusant, in contemptum Regis; unde prædictus Henricus Fairman & alii Homines de parva Hormede deteriorantur, & dampnum habent ad valentiam C l. Et inde producunt sectam &c.

Et prædictus Nicholaus Hotot & Socii sui prædicti præsentibus &c defendunt dampnum & quicquid &c, & dicunt quod ubi supponitur quod dicta Villa de Hormede anno regni Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ Avi Domini Regis nunc octavo, assessa fuit & taxata ad quintamdecimam eidem avo tunc concessam ad xliiis vii d, ad quam summam perficiendam Homines Hamelletti de Bordesden assessi & taxati fuerunt ad quintamdecimam pro bonis & catallis suis in dicto Hamelletto existentibus, cum dictis Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Hormede dicto anno octavo solverunt, & ab eodem anno octavo semper hucusque nisi tribus vicibus &c, præfati Nicholaus & alii &c dicunt quod sunt homines commorantes in prædicto Hamelletto de Bordesden, & quod quidem Hamellettum est infra parochiam Villæ de Brawyng, & Hamellettum ejusdem Villæ, & a tempore quo non extat memoria semper extitit, Et quod prædicto anno octavo



CHAP. XXXIX. In the Twentysecond year of K *Richard* II, by an Inquisition taken S E C T.  
V. before *Martin de Ferers* the Kings Commissioner at *Leskeret* in the County of XXXIX.  
*Cornwall,*

vo Regis E avi Domini Regis nunc assessum fuit & taxatum cum prædicta Villa de Brawyng ad quintamdecimam, & homines ad tunc in eodem Hameletto commorantes pro bonis & catallis suis in eodem Hameletto existentibus assessi & taxati fuerunt cum Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Brawyng, & non cum Hominibus Villæ de Hormede, & virtute assessoris & taxationis prædictarum solverunt prædicto anno octavo & hucusque, in omnibus tallagiis cotis & Subidiis prædicto avo & Regi nunc concessis cum prædictis Hominibus de Brawyng, nisi diversis vicibus post prædictum annum octavum quod per coercionem Johannis Atte Lee Militis solverunt cum prædictis Hominibus de Hormede. Et dicunt quod prædicto anno nono Regis nunc, iidem Nicholaus &c assessi & taxati fuerunt per Collectores in dicta Villa de Brawyng ad hoc assignatos, pro bonis & catallis suis in dicto Hameletto existentibus, cum Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Brawyng, & cum eisdem solverunt secundum quod assessi & taxati fuerunt, & non cum Hominibus Villæ de Hormede. Et hæc omnia parati sunt verificare &c. Et petunt iudicium si prædicti Homines Villæ de Hormede istam actionem versus eos manutenere debeant &c.

Et prædicti Henricus & alii Homines & tenentes de parva Hormede, protestando quod non cognoscunt aliquid per præfatos Homines & tenentes de Bordefden superius allegatum, dicunt quod diu ante annum octavum prædicti avi, & tempore dicti avi, ac Regis Ricardi nunc, videlicet anno regni Regis E filii Regis H xix<sup>o</sup>, & anno dicti Regis E filii Regis H xxv<sup>o</sup>, & anno Regis E filii Regis E primo, & anno dicti Regis E filii Regis E septimo, & anno dicti Regis E filii Regis E decimo, & anno dicti Regis E filii Regis E xvi<sup>o</sup>, & anno dicti avi Regis primo, & anno dicti Regis avi sexto, & anno dicti Regis avi Li<sup>o</sup>, & anno regni Regis Ricardi nunc quarto, ut patet per recordum in Scaccario Domini Regis inde factum; Et tocies quociens huiusmodi quintadecima vel Subsidium, ante dictum annum octavum & post, eo quod dictum Hameletum de Bordefden est in Hundredo de Edwynstre, & non in hundredo de Brawyng, semper ante dictum annum octavum, & eodem anno octavo, dictum Hameletum de Bordefden taxatum fuit & assessum cum dicta Villa de parva Hormede ad quintamdecimam, & postmodum ad omnes alias cotas taxat & subsidia dicto avo & Regi nunc concessas dictum Hameletum assessum fuit & solvit cum dicta Villa de parva Hormede, & ad omnes huiusmodi taxat cotas & subsidia iidem Homines de Bordefden, pro omnibus bonis & catallis suis infra dictum Hundredum de Edwynstre existentibus, solverunt, exceptis tribus vicibus modo quo superius allegavit. Et hæc omnia parati sunt verificare. Et petunt iudicium & dampna sibi adjudicari &c.

Et prædictus Nicholaus & Socii sui prædicti, non cognoscendo aliqua per prædictos Homines Villæ de Hormede superius allegata, dicunt quod Hameletum de Bordefden est Hameletum in hundredo de Brawyng, & non in hundredo de Edwynstre, & assessum fuit & taxatum prædicto anno octavo & hucusque, ut præmittitur, cum prædicta Villa de Brawyng, & non cum prædicta Villa de Hormede. Et hoc parati sunt verificare &c. Et prædicti Homines de Hormede dicunt, quod prædictum Hameletum est in Hundredo de Edwynstre, & non in Hundredo de Brawyng, & prædicto anno octavo & ab hinc inde taxatum & assessum fuit cum prædicta Villa de Hormede, & non cum prædicta Villa de Brawyng, prout ut supra &c; Et hoc parati sunt verificare similiter. Ideo fiat inde Jurata. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ, quod venire faciat hic a die Paschæ in xv dies xviii &c, de visneto de parva Hormede & Bordefden, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, & qui nec &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est partibus prædictis. — *There are many Continuances.* Et ipsi Juratores vocati venerunt per Nicholaum Atte Chaumbre, Ricardum Gargevill, & alios Juratores quorum nomina annotantur in pannello prædicti brevis, quod est in ligula brevium de Termino Sancti Michaelis anno undecimo Regis nunc; Qui quidem Juratores electi & jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Hameletum de Bordefden est infra hundredum de Edwynstre, & taxatum & assessum fuit, ad quintamdecimam Domino E nuper Regi Angliæ avo Regis nunc anno regni sui octavo concessam, cum Hominibus dictæ Villæ de parva Hormede, & quod Homines ejusdem Hameletti quintadecimas & omnes alias cotas & subsidia dicto avo & Domino Regi nunc, a prædicto anno octavo hucusque concessas solverunt &olvere consueverunt, cum hominibus dictæ Villæ de Parva Hormede, exceptis tribus vicibus quando prædicti homines Hameletti prædicti, per coercionem Nicholai Hotot, Willelmi Quey, & aliorum eis factam, solverunt cum Hominibus Villæ de Brawyng. Et dicunt quod prædicti Nicholaus Hotot, Willelmus Turk, Rogerus Stalworth, Johannes Halden, Johannes Lovell, Johannes Warde, Johannes Snowe, Johannes Sandon, & Katerina Styver, Homines Hameletti prædicti portiones suas super ipsos separatim ut præmittitur assessas, ad quintamdecimam & medietatem quintadecimæ dicto Domino Regi a laicis anno regni sui nono concessas, cum præfatis Henrico Fairman & aliis Hominibus dictæ Villæ de Parva Hormedeolvere recusarunt, & adhuc recusant. Et assident dampna prædictorum Henrici Fairman & aliorum Hominum de Parva Hormede occasione præmissa ad Cs. Et unde iidem Henricus Fairman, & alii Homines de Parva Hormede petunt iudicium &c.

Et



CH A P. *Cornwall*, it was Found by the Oath of Twelve Men, That *Stephen Priour* of *SECT.*  
 V. *Lanceston* and several of his Canons, with other persons unknown, came such a *XL.*  
 day, in the night-time, armed as for warr, into the Town of *Leskeret*, and rescued *Henry Frend* Vicar of *Leskeret* who had been arrested upon several *Hues* raised against him by the Countrey, and took and carried-away a Book called *Cene* of the price of a mark, and two Towells value half a mark, the goods of the Parishioners of *Leskeret*, to the great dammage of the said Parishioners; And that the said Priour had committed several other misdeeds; which are specified in the said Inquisition (b).

XL. The Townsmen of *Maldon* in *Essex* Fined or were amerced in several summs of money, by the name of the *Bailifs*, the *Constables*, and *Bailifs* and *Inhabitants* of the Town of *Maldon*; and were discharged of the said summs by the same name or names. The case was this. In the reign of *K Philipp* and *Q Marie I*, certain Fines or amercements were imposed on *John Bosewell* and *John Sherman* Bailifs of the Town of *Maldon*, *William Reynold* and *Robert Baker* Constables thereof, and also on the Bailifs and Inhabitants of the Town of *Maldon*, before the Clerk of the Market of the Household-Royal, for certain offenses relating to Weights and Measures. The said *John Bosewell* and *John Sherman* late Bailifs, *William Reynold* and *Robert Baker* late Constables, and the said Bailifs and Inhabitants of *Maldon* appear in the Court of Exchequer. They Plead a Charter of *K Philipp* and *Q Marie*: they allege that the said several summs of money were unduly

Et habita inde deliberatione inter Barones &c, Consideratum est quod prædicti Henricus Fairman & alii Homines de parva Hormede recuperent versus prædictos Nicholaum Hotot, Willelmum Turk, Rogerum Stalworth, Johannem Halden, Johannem Lovell, Johannem Warde, Johannem Snowe, Johannem Sandon, & Katerinam Stiver, C<sup>s</sup> prædictos pro dampnis suis prædictis. Et prædicti Henricus Fairman & alii Homines de Parva Hormede dant Clericis inde xx s. *Placita coram Baronibus 10 Ric. 2. Rot. 17. a.*

(b) Cornubia. — Inquisitio capta apud *Leskeret* die Jovis proximo post festum Sancti Ambrosii, anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum Angliæ vicesimo secundo, coram Martino de Ferers Commissionario Domini Regis, virtute Literarum ejusdem Regis eidem Martino directarum & huic inquisitioni confutarum, per sacramentum Johannis Trelouny and eleven others; Qui dicunt super sacramenta sua, quod Stephanus Prior *Lancestoniæ* Johannes Bartyn Thomas Osbern Canonici ejusdem Prioris, Benedictus Dounende Johannes Gurdan Clericus and several others, cum aliis ignotis venerunt modo guerrino vi & armis, ac contra pacem Domini Regis, in Villam de *Leskeret* noctanter die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphaniæ Domini anno xxii<sup>do</sup> Regis nunc, & ibidem Henricum Frend vicarium ecclesiæ de *Leskeret*, qui arrestatus fuit per decennum Manerii de *Leskeret*, ad respondendum Waltero Halbothek & Thomæ atte Wode & pluribus aliis tenentibus dicti Manerii, in diversis hutefiis ex consuetudine Comitatus Cornubiæ super ipsum levatis, ceperunt & abduxerunt, ac arrestationem decenni prædicti fregerunt, in contemptum dicti Domini Regis, & unum librum vocatum *Cene* pretii xiii s iii d, & duo towel-[ia] pretii vis viii d, de bonis parochianorum parochiæ de *Leskeret* ceperunt & asportarunt; ad grave dampnum dictorum parochianorum.

Item dicunt, quod idem Stephanus Prior & ejus prædecessores retrahunt & retraxerunt sustentationem unius lampadis ardentis coram Ymagine B Mariæ in ecclesia parochiali prædicta, pro qua sustentatione idem Prior & prædecessores sui percipiunt & perceperunt annuatim octo solidos exeuntes de Manerio de *Leskeret*, de dono antecessorum Domini Regis, in contemptum ejusdem Regis, & ejus præjudicium de xii l pro subtractione dictæ lampadis per triginta annos, videlicet quolibet anno viii s. Item dicunt quod idem Stephanus Prior adquisivit sibi & Successoribus suis mense Marcii anno decimo regni Regis nunc, sine licentia Domini Regis, certa terras & tementa in Villa de *Lanuc* & *Laudreu*, de Johanne Tregorrek Roberto Stonard Radulpho Korll & Johanne Cokeworthy, quæ valent per annum xl, in contemptum & deceptionem dicti Domini Regis. Item dicunt quod dictus Stephanus Prior est communis manutentor & embraciator omnium falsarum querelarum, in grave dampnum necnon & destructionem populi dicti Domini Regis in Comitatu Cornubiæ. In cujus rei testimonium, prædicti juratores præsentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum die loco & anno supra dictis —. Et concordatum est quod prædictus Stephanus Prior de *Launceston* distringatur per breve hujus Scaccarii ad reddendum Regi compotum de exitibus terrarum & tementorum prædictorum, quæ prædictus Stephanus ut prædictum est adquisivit sibi & Successoribus suis sine licentia regia, videlicet a dicto mense Marcii dicto anno x<sup>o</sup> & deinceps, necnon ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de xii l prædictis, & ad ulterius audiendum & faciendum quod Curia &c. And Distringas issued accordingly. Stephen the Priour was returned mortuus, and that John now Prior de *Launceston* districtus est. He afterwards appeared, and pleaded a Pardon. No Judgment. *Trin. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 12.*



CHAP. V. duly and without sufficient Warrant imposed on them by the said Clerk of the S E C T. V. Market: and pray that the same may be discharged. The King and Queens At- XL. torney-General confesseth their Plea to be true. Thereupon the Court of Exchequer adjudgeth, that the said *John Boswell* and *John Sherman* late Bailifs, *William Reynold* and *Robert Baker* late Constables, and the said Bailifs and Inhabitants of the said Town be discharged of the said Debts (i).

XLI. To

(i) Effex. Compertum est in quodam Rotulo de Extractis Finium & amerciamentorum forisfactorum apud Maldon, coram Wilhelmo Ardern Clerico Mercati Hospitii Dominorum Regis & Reginae hic in Curia in custodia Clerici Extractarum hujus Scaccarii inter alia sic, scilicet, Extractæ omnium finium amerciamentorum forisfactorum apud Maldon coram Wilhelmo Ardern Clerico Mercati Hospitii Dominorum Regis & Reginae, in cessionibus suis ibidem tentis xxi<sup>o</sup> die Septembris annis regnorum dictorum Dominorum Philippi & Mariae Regis & Reginae tercio & quarto, De Johanne Boswell & Johanne Sherman ballivis Villæ de Maldon prædictæ, Wilhelmo Reynold ac Roberto Baker Constabulariis ejusdem, pro eo quod non fecerunt retorum nominum xxiii<sup>or</sup> hominum esse Juratores pro Dominis Rege & Regina apud Malden, cum nominibus omnium & singularum personarum utentium pondera vel mensuras infra eandem, ad examinandum cum Standardo Dominorum Regis & Reginae secundum tenorem præcepti Dominorum Regis & Reginae, xl s. Extractæ omnium finium amerciamentorum forisfactorum coram Wilhelmo Arderne Clerico Mercati Hospitii Dominorum Regis & Reginae, in Cessionibus suis apud Mawlden in Comitatu Effex[iæ], xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Septembris annis regnorum Dominorum Philippi & Mariae Regis & Reginae tercio & quarto, De Ballivis Villæ de Mawlden & Inhabitantibus ejusdem, eo quod ipsi amplificaverunt suos modios, qua ratione sunt majores standardo Dominorum Regis & Reginae per le Pottell in quolibet modio & emer[unt] gran[um] cum eisdem, ac etiam accommodaverunt modios aliis emptoribus ad emendum granum, ad grave dampnum Subditorum Dominorum Regis & Reginae, xl s; sicut continetur ibidem.

Et modo scilicet in Crastino Clausi Paschæ hoc Termino, venerunt hic tam præfati Johannes Boswell & Johannes Sherman nuper Ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Malden, prædicti Wilhelmus Reynold ac Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, quam præfati Ballivi de Malden ac Inhabitantes ejusdem, per Jacobum Lorde eorum Attornatum, & petunt auditum præmissorum, Et eis leguntur. Quibus lectis ac per ipsos auditis & intellectis, iidem Johannes Boswell & Johannes Sherman nuper Ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Malden prædictæ, & Wilhelmus Reynolde ac Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, ac Ballivi & Inhabitantes ejusdem, queruntur se in bonis & catallis suis in eadem Villa existentibus per Johannem Butler Militem nuper Vicecomitem Comitatus prædicti, pro prædictis separalibus summis prætextu Summonitionis viridis ceræ hujus Scaccarii,

sibi ad summas prædictas ab eis in forma prædictæ exactas ad opus dicti Domini Regis & Dominae Reginae levandas directæ, graviter districtos vexatos & inquietatos fore, & hoc minus juste; Quia dicunt, quod antequam fines & amerciamenta prædicta super præfatos Johannem Boswell Johannem Sherman Wilhel mum Reynold Robertum Baker, ac Ballivos & Inhabitantes prædictæ Villæ de Malden, per præfatum Wilhel mum Arderne Clericum Mercati Hospitii dictorum Dominorum Regis & Reginae, pro causis supradictis imposita assessata & afforata fuerunt, præfati Dominus Rex & Domina Regina nunc per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est apud Westm[onasterium] xxv<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, annis regnorum eorundem Domini Regis & Dominae Reginae nunc primo & secundo, recitantes per eandem cum præfata Domina Regina, per nomen Mariae Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginae fidei defensoris, per Literas suas patentes gerentes datam apud Westm[onasterium] xviii<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno regni præfatæ Dominae Reginae nunc primo, pro diversis causis & considerationibus in eisdem specificatis, & præcipue ad specialem instanciam dilecti & fidelis tunc Consilarii ipsius Dominae Reginae Roberti Rochester Militis tunc Contrarotulatoris Hospitii ipsius Dominae Reginae, inter alia concesserit Burgensibus & Inhabitantibus prædicti Burgi sui de Maldon in prædicto Comitatu Effex[iæ], & successoribus suis imperpetuum, quod ipsi & Successores sui Burgenes Burgi prædicti imperpetuum, essent & fuissent de duobus ballivis sex Aldermannis xviii capitalibus Burgensibus & Communitate Burgi de Malden, unum corpus perpetuum incorporatum & politicum, & una Communitas perpetua, in re facto & nomine, haberentque Successionem perpetuam, prout per eandem Literas patentes inter alia plenius apparet. Et quia in eisdem Literis patentibus eadem Domina Regina nunc non nominaverat creaverat & constituerat aliquas personas de Burgensibus prædictis fore & esse ballivos Aldermannos & capitales Burgenes Burgi prædicti, ut de ipsis fieret & esset unum corpus incorporatum & politicum, ut in eisdem Literis patentibus fore & esse eadem Domina Regina nunc intendebat, Et pro eo quod quædam aliæ dubitationes quæstiones & ambiguitates in eisdem Literis patentibus oriri potuissent & tunc ortæ fuerunt, iidem Dominus Rex & Domina Regina, ut intentio ipsius Dominae Reginae plenius forciatur effectum, & quod omnes illæ ambiguitates quæstiones & dubitationes amputarentur & delerentur, de gratia sua speciali voluerunt, & per eandem Literas suas patentes, pro eisdem Domino Rege & Domina Regina hæredibus & Successoribus suis,

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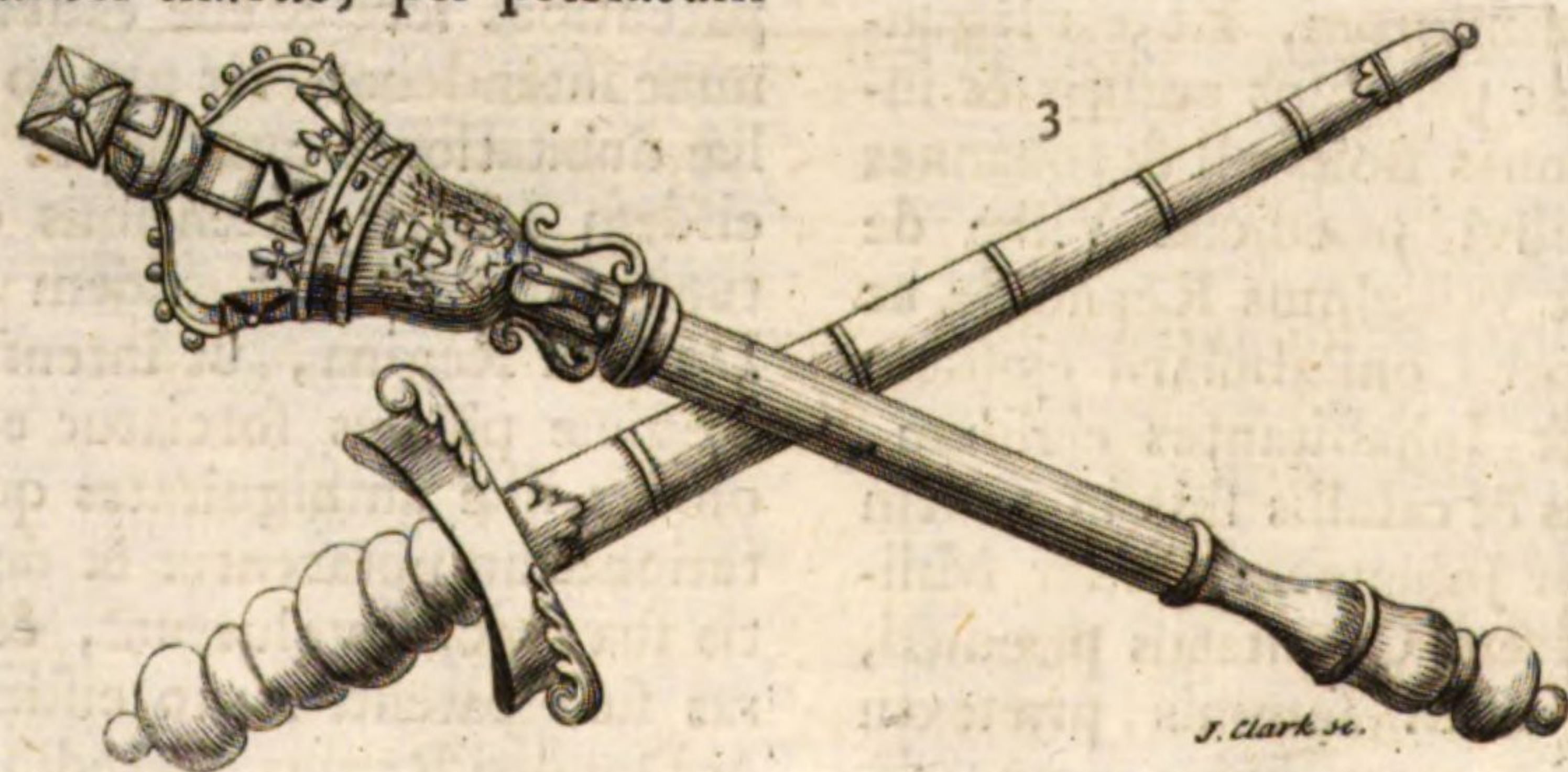


CHAP. XLI. To the Cases cited before in this Chapter we may add the prosecutions or S E C T.  
 V. actions brought against the Men of a Hundred, by the Common-Law, or upon XLI.  
 the Statute of *Winchester* for not raising of Hue and Cry, and also the Fines Issues and Amerciaments usually set upon Inhabitants of Towns for Trespasses, and Such-like other cases.

Thus much may suffice to be said about the conformity in the manner of charging Towns Not-incorporated and Towns Incorporated in the Kings Rolls, And about Miscellaneous or Superadded Cases.

fuis, concesserunt Burgenfibus & Inhabitantibus prædicti Burgi de Maudon alias Maldon & Successoribus fuis, quod ipsi & Successores fui Burgenfes Burgi prædicti fint & erunt, de duobus Ballivis sex Aldermannis octodecim Capitalibus Burgenfibus & Communitate Burgenf[ium] de Maldon, unum corpus perpetuum incorporatum & politicum, re facto & nomine, haberentque Successionem perpetuam —. Et quod Ballivi Aldermanni & Major pars eorum pro tempore existentes, habeant & constituent imperpetuum Clericum Mercati prædicti, Et quod idem Clericus sic constitutus habeat & habebit plenariam potestatem exercendi & exequendi omnia & singula in Burgo prædicto quæ ad officium Clerici Mercati Hospitii præfatorum Dominorum Regis & Reginæ ac hæredum & Successorum præfatæ Dominæ Reginæ pertinentia, facienda sive exequenda —. Et dicunt insuper tam præfati Johannes Bosewell & Johannes Sherman nuper Ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Maldon, prædicti Willelmus Reynold ac Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, quam præfati Ballivi & Inhabitantes ejusdem, quod ipsi ac Aldermanni & Capitales Burgenfes ejusdem Villæ virtute Literarum patentium prædictarum, videlicet xxi<sup>o</sup> die Januarii annis regnorum præfatorum Domini Regis & Dominæ Reginæ nunc secundo & tertio, elegerunt & constituerunt quendam Reginaldum Smyth Clericum Mercati infra Villam de Maldon prædictam & libertatem ejusdem pro anno adtunc proximo sequente, Qui quidem Reginaldus Smyth prædictum Officium Clerici Mercati infra eandem Villam & libertatem ejusdem, secundum tenorem Literarum patentium prædictarum, per totum dictum annum proximo sequentem prædictum vicesimum primum diem Januarii exercuit & occupavit, prout ei bene licuit. Et dicunt ulterius tam præfati Johannes Bosewell & Johannes Sherman nuper Ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Maldon, prædicti Willelmus Reynold & Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, quam præfati Ballivi de Maldon ac Inhabitantes ejusdem, quod prædictæ separales summæ ab eis in forma prædicta separaliter exactæ, per præfatum

Willelmum Ardern Clericum Mercati Hospitii dictorum Domini Regis & Dominæ Reginæ impositæ assessæ & afforatae fuerunt injuste indebite & absque waranto auctoritate vel commissione sufficienti dictorum Domini Regis & Dominæ Reginæ sibi in hac parte factis, contra legem hujus regni Angliæ. Unde petunt Judicium, quod tam ipsi quam præfatus nuper Vicecomes de separalibus summis prædictis in forma prædicta exactis, erga dictos Dominum Regem & Dominam Reginam nunc exonerentur, & eorum quilibet exoneretur, prætextu præmissorum. Et Edwardus Gryffyn Armiger, Attornatus Domini Regis & Dominæ Reginæ nunc generalis, qui pro eisdem Domino Rege & Domina Regina nunc in hac parte sequitur, Quia per prædictas Literas patentes præfatorum Domini Regis & Dominæ Reginæ, eisdem Ballivis Aldermannis capitalibus Burgenfibus & Communitati prædictæ Villæ de Maldon in forma prædicta factas, ipsi ac Curia ostensas, satis apparet prædictum Willelmum Ardern nullam habuisse auctoritatem ad aliquod ad officium suum pertinens infra prædictam Villam de Maldon faciendum, Ideo quoad sufficientiam literarum patentium prædictarum, non dedit quin fatetur placitum prædictum fore verum, prout prædicti Johannes Bosewell & Johannes Sherman nuper ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Maldon, Willelmus Reynolde ac Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, & Ballivi & Inhabitantes ejusdem superius placitando allegaverunt. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod tam prædicti Johannes Bosewell & Johannes Sherman nuper ballivi prædictæ Villæ de Maldon, Willelmus Reynolde ac Robertus Baker nuper Constabularii ejusdem Villæ, & Ballivi & Inhabitantes ejusdem, quam præfatus nuper Vicecomes, de separalibus summis prædictis in forma prædicta exactis, erga dictos Dominum Regem & Dominam Reginam nunc exonerentur, & eorum quilibet exoneretur, prætextu præmissorum; Salvo semper jure Regis & Reginæ si &c. *Pat. Communia 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. Rot. 87.*



CHAPTER



CHAPTER VI.

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| <p>I. <i>Towns-corporate were commonly Charged and Sued pro Rege, not by a Fixt and Unvariable name, but a Variable. Precedents thereof; namely,</i></p> <p>II, London,<br/>III, Norwich.<br/>IV, Ipswich.</p> | <p>V, Dunwich.<br/>VI, Yarmouth.<br/>VII, Shrewsbury.<br/>VIII, Grymmesby.<br/>IX, Preston.<br/>X, Bedford.<br/>XI, Southampton.<br/>XII, Gloucester.</p> |
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I.



IN the modern times men have thought it to be one peculiar mark of a Corporate Town, to have an appropriate Name, to wit, the Name or Style given it by its Charter of Incorporation, and by which it is enabled to Sue and be Sued. Let us consider the manner and practice of Former ages in this case. Then, the Corporated Cities Towns and Burghs had not so Certain and Fixt a Name or Style. In the Kings case, they were usually called by such Name as the Kings Courts of Law or his Officers There thought fit to give them; that is to say, by any Name by which they might be sufficiently Known and Distinguished. Accordingly, it may be observed that in Former ages the Corporate Cities Towns and Burghs were haply called, in Proceedings *pro Rege* in the Kings Courts, by Divers Denominations. For example. They were respectively called, either by the Name of *Civitas*, *Villa*, *Villata*, *Burgus*, or by the Name of *Cives*, *Homines*, *Burgenses*, or by the Name of *Communitas*, *Major & Communitas*, *Ballivi & Communitas* &c. In fine, the same freedom or latitude, for ought that I remember, was wont to be taken in styling or denominating the Corporate Towns in the Kings Rolls, as was or might be taken in denominating the Towns which were not Corporate. I will produce particular instances of this, first in the City of *London*, and afterwards in some other Towns.

II. Aswell in cases wherein the *Londoners* have answered or been charged to the Crown as a Body or Community, as also in other cases, they have been called by different Denominations. For example. In the reign of K *Henry I*, the Citizens of *London* are styled *Burgenses Lundoniæ* (a), and *Homines Lundoniæ* (b); in the reign of K *Henry II*, *Barones Lundoniæ* (c); in the reign of K *Henry III*, *Barones Vicecomites & tota Communitas Lundoniæ* (d); in the Sixth year of K *Henry III*, *Major Lundoniæ & alii Barones Lundoniæ* (e); in the Thirtieth and Thirtyfirst year of K *Henry III*, *Civitas Lundoniæ* (f); in the Fortieth year of K *Henry III*, *Major & Communitas* (g); in the Fortyninth year of K *Henry III*, *Communitas* (gg); in

(a) H Rex Angl[orum] Episcopis Baronibus Vicecomitibus & omnibus Fidelibus & Ministris suis, & Burgensibus Lundoniæ, salutem. *Formulare Anglicum*, Formula 65. pag. 39.

(b) *Hist. Excheq.* p 273. b.

(c) Gaufridus Martel Baronibus Lundoniæ, & omnibus hominibus & amicis suis Francis & Anglis salutem. *Form. Anglic.* p 178, formula 290.

(d) Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Baronibus Vicecomitibus & toti Communitati Lundoniæ salutem. —. *Hist. Excheq.* p 329. col. 2. u.

(e) *Hist. Excheq.* p 607. col. 2. p.

(f) *Ibid.* p 395. col. 1. p.  
Civitas Lundoniæ [debet] xv dolia Vini, pro faciend[o] record[o] infra Civitatem. *Mag. Rot.* 31 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. a. m. 2.

(g) *Hist. Excheq.* p 702. col. 2. k.

(gg) *The More on the Northside of London, formerly belonging to the Prebend of Haliwell, & quæ in manum nostram devoluta est ratione transgressionis nobis per Communitatem Civitatis prædictæ factæ, temporeurbationis & guerræ habitæ in regno nostro* —. *Pat.* 49 Hen. 3. m. 5.



CHAP. in the Fortyninth year of K Henry III, Major & Communa (b); in the One and S E C T. VI. fiftieth year of K Henry III, Ballivi Aldremanni & Communitas (i). II.

In the Fifth year of K Edward I, they are styled Major & Cives Londoniæ, and Communitas villæ, the Community of the Town of London (k), In the Two and thirtieth year of K Edward I, Tota Civitas London[ia] (l); in the Thirtyfifth year of K Edward I, Cives Londoniæ (m), and Major Aldermanni & Cives Londoniæ (n), and Major Aldermanni & Communitas (o); in the Second year of K Edward II, Major Vicecomites & Aldermanni Londoniæ (p); in the Seventh year of K Edward II, Major Probi Homines & Communitas (q); in the Ninth and Twelfth years of K Edward II, Major Aldermanni & Cives Londoniæ (r); in the eighteenth year of K Edward II, Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ (s); in the eleventh year of K Edward III, Cives Londoniæ (t), and Major & Cives Londoniæ (u); in the Fifteenth year of K Edward III, Major & Communitas, Villa, and

(b) Tenor literarum Majoris & Communitatis Lond[oniæ] pro Hugone serviente Johannis de Gyfor[cio].

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Major Londoniæ & ejusdem civitatis universalis communia salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos teneri Hugoni servienti Johannis de Gyforcio in xl sterlingorum; quam quidem pecuniam tenemur reddere & bona fide promittimus integre persolvere prædicto Hugoni, vel ejus hæredibus procuratoribus aut executoribus hoc deferentibus, ad Pascha Resurrectionis Domini anno regni Regis H filii Regis J xlixº, sine ulteriori dilatione. Ad hanc autem solutionem dicto Hugoni vel ejus hæredibus procuratoribus aut executoribus termino statuto fideliter observandam obligamus nos & hæredes nostros & omnia bona nostra mobilia & immobilia præsentia & futura ubicunque fuerint inventa. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum tocus communæ nostræ præfenti scripto apposuimus. Memoranda 51 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. a.

(i) Recognicio Ballivorum Aldremannorum & tocus Communitatis Londoniæ.

Iidem recognoverunt se teneri Symoni Trubert Nicholao de Lemis & sociis suis Mercatoribus de Douwey, pro Domino Rege, pro pannis ab eis captis, in quingentis libris —. Memoranda 51 Hen. 3. Rot. 14. a.

(k) De die dato Majori & Civibus Londoniæ de denariis solvendis.

Major & Cives Londoniæ habent diem, scilicet diem Lunæ proximum ante Cineres, ad satisfaciendum Regi de D quater xxl xvis ii d ob. de diversis debitis Communitatem ejusdem Villæ tangentibus.

Henricus de Frouwik habet diem, scilicet diem Lunæ proximum ante Cineres, ad satisfaciendum Regi de Lxii l vs iii d, quos Regi debet de diversis debitis.

Willelmus de Dunulmia habet eundem diem, ad satisfaciendum Regi de vii l xix s iii d ob. de consimilibus debitis. Hil. Communia 5 Edw. 1. Rot. 3. a.

(l) Tota Civitas London[ia] reddit compotum de Cl pro Contemptu, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxiiiº. Mag. Rot. 32 Edw. 1. m. 1. a. Londonia Middelfexia.

(m) Cives Londoniæ [debent] M l de Fine,

pro habenda remissione & perdonatione omnium arreragiorum viginti mille marcarum, per quas finem fecerunt cum Rege H patre Regis nunc, & pro habenda perdonatione de Cl pro contemptu, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxixº. Mag. Rot. 35 Edw. 1. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 2. a.

(n) Major Aldermanni & Cives Londoniæ [debent] Mxlxl xvis xid, recept[os] de diversis Vicecomitibus Londoniæ, ad satisfaciendum inde quibusdam creditoribus quorundam Vasconum, ibidem [viz. sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxiº]. Mag. Rot. 35 Edw. 1. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 2. a.

(o) Hist. Exch. p 711. col. 1. r.

(p) Londonia. Memorandum quod cum Major Vicecomites & Aldermanni Londoniæ attach[iati] fuissent de veniendo hic die Sabbati proxima post diem Cinerum nunc, ad respondendum Willelmo Trente de placito transgressionis, iidem venerunt, & habent diem in quindena Paschæ per præfixionem Curie eo statu quo nunc. Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 31. dorso.

(q) Major Probi Homines & tota Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ reddunt compotum de MMD marcis, pro perdonatione habenda quintadecimæ Regi patri in Parlamento suo Linc[oln]iæ concessæ anno xxixº, sicut continetur in Originali anni xxix; In Thesauro MCLxvii xiii s iii d, in iii tallis, Et debent Dl. Mag. Rot. 7 Edw. 2. Item London Midd. m. 2. b.

(r) Hist. Exch. p 609, col. 2. c. & p 610, col. 1. d.

(s) Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ [debet] xls pro maheremio & exitibus terrarum quæ fuerunt Felic[iæ] de Creye & Levotæ fil[iæ] ejus, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi & xv—. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Londonia Middelfexia.

(t) Cives Londoniæ [debent] xliiii l de arreragiis feodi firmæ villæ de Suwerk, videlicet ante annum viii. Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 2. a.

(u) Major & Cives Londoniæ [debent] xx l xii s de præstito super vadiis quater xx xii peditum armatorum venientium ad obsidionem Castri de Ledes, ad sumptus ejusdem Civi-



CHAP. and *Communitas, Londoniæ* (w); in the Second year of K Richard II, *Major & Communa* (x), and *Cives Londoniæ* (y); in the Fifteenth year of the same King, *Major & Communa* (z). The same K Richard II in the seventh year of his reign borrowed a sum of money of the Citizens of London, and for securing the repayment of it, made an Obligation or Bond under his Great Seal to the said Citizens, by the name of the *Mayor and Commonalty* of the City of London (a).  
 VI. *Communa* (x), and *Cives Londoniæ* (y); in the Fifteenth year of the same King, *Major & Communa* (z). The same K Richard II in the seventh year of his reign borrowed a sum of money of the Citizens of London, and for securing the repayment of it, made an Obligation or Bond under his Great Seal to the said Citizens, by the name of the *Mayor and Commonalty* of the City of London (a).  
 II.

In the First year of K Henry IV, the *Londoners* are styled *Major & Communia Civitatis Londoniæ* (b); in the Third year of K Henry IV, *Mayor Sherifs and Commonalty* (c); in the Twelfth year of K Henry IV, *Major & Communa Civitatis Londoniæ* (d); in the Fifteenth year of K Henry VI, *Major & Communia*, and *Cives Londoniæ* (e); in the Twentieth year of K Henry VIII, *Major & Communia*

*Civitatis*, ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. b.*

(w) Pro Majore & Communitate Civitatis Londoniæ.

Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Supplicarunt nobis Major & Communitas Civitatis nostræ Londoniæ, ut nos animi rancores & indignationes, si quos erga Communitatem Villæ prædictæ occasione transgressionum vel excessuum nobis aut Progenitoribus nostris per Communitatem prædictam factorum conceperimus, eis de gratia nostra speciali remittere velimus & perdonare. Nos ipsorum Majoris & Communitatis supplicationi, prætextu grati obsequii per ipsos nobis hætenus impensi, in hac parte favorabiliter inclinati, remisimus & perdonavimus eidem Communitati transgressionem & excessum hujusmodi si qui per ipsos facti fuerint, necnon animi rancorem & indignationem erga eandem Communitatem ea occasione conceptos, obligationibus nobis & Progenitoribus nostris factis, si quæ fuerint, nobis semper salvis. Nolentes quod prædicta Communitas Occasione præmissorum de cætero occasionetur, molestetur in aliquo, seu gravetur. In cujus &c; Teste Rege apud turrim Londoniæ tertio die Junii. Per ipsum Regem & Consilium. *Pat. 15 Edw. 3. pars 2. m. 47.*

(x) Major & Communa Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vº & xvº & xº dicti Regis E. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Item Londonia. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Londonia & Midd. m. 1. a.*

(y) Cives Londoniæ debent Lxv l de arrearibus feodi firmæ villæ de Suthwerk, sicut continetur in Rotulo Liº. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Item Londonia Middelfexia, m. 2. a.*

(z) Major & Communa Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Angliæ. *Mag. Rot. 15 Ric. 2. tit. London Middelfex, m. 1. a.*

(a) De obligatione facta per Regem Majori & Communitati Civitatis Londoniæ. Le Roi a tous ceux que cestres lettres verront ou orront salut. Come ore tard noz chers lieges & foialx Mair & Communalte de nostre Citee de Londres, a nostre graunt eide & requeste, nous eiont apprestee de lour pure voluntee quatre Mille marcz d'esterlinges, si

bien pur ease & eide de nous come de nostre Roialme, & la dite somme ount delivere a nostre graunt Tresorer le jour de la sefance dicestes, pur repaier a eux loialment mesme la somme perentre cy & le feste de Paske prochein ensuant en nostre Citee avantdite, Si volons & grauntons de nostre propre science, & sibien de lavys de nostre plein conseil come dez autres grauntz de nostre Roialme, & nous nous reconissons clerement destre debtour & tenuz as ditz Mair & Communalte & as leurs Successeurs en la somme suidite, & promettons & nous obligeons noz heires & noz executours per icestes, as ditz Mair & Commualtie & as leur Successeurs, pur eux loialment paier la dite Summe de quatre mille marcz, perentre cy & le dite fest, ou a mesme le feste, en manere qensuyt; Cestassavoir — Here follows the rest. It is long. En tesmoignance de queles choses a cestez Lettres patentes nous avons fait mettre nostre graunt Seal. Don a Westm. le xxii jour de Septembre. *Originale 7 Ric. 2. Rot. 18.*

(b) Major & Communia Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv, & secundo Regis E secundi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Item Londonia. *Mag. Rot. 1 Hen. 4. tit. Londonia & Midd. m. 1. a.*

(c) Surr[eia]. The Mayor Sherifs and Commonalty of London are Presented, for attracting a Shop and a half lying in Suthwerk to the Liberty of the City. They are acquitted. *Placita coram Rege Mich. 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 9. sub titulo Rex.*

(d) Major & Communa Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(e) Major & Communia Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ, sicut continetur in Rotulis xv & x Regis E secundi—. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Item Londonia.

Cives Londoniæ debent xl per annum de feodi firma villæ de Suthwerk cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum, sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo Regis H quarti—. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*



CHAP. *nia Civitatis Londoniæ, and Cives Londoniæ (f)*; In the Twentyeighth year of K S E C T.  
 VI. *Henry VIII*, they are styled *Major ac Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, Mayor and* II.  
*Commonalty (g)*; In the Fourth and Fifth years of K *Philipp* and Q *Marie I*, Ma-  
 jor

(f) Major & Communia Civitatis Londoniæ debent *℥*l, de firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ.

Cives Londoniæ debent *x℥* per annum, de feodi firma Villæ de Suthwerk cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos —. *Mag. Rot. 20 Hen. 8.* Londonia Middelfexia, *m. i. a.*

(g) Londonia. Compertum est per quandam Inquisitionem indentatam, captam apud Guihaldam Civitatis Londoniæ xii die Junii anno regni Regis Henrici octavi xxi, coram Johanne Rudstone Milite tunc Majore dictæ Civitatis Londoniæ ac Escaetore dicti Domini Regis nunc in eadem Civitate & in suburbiis ejusdem, virtute officii sui, per sacramentum Willelmi Mossiman and thirteen others, inter alia, Quod quidam Ricardus Charleton Miles, qui prætextu cujusdam actus in Parlamento Domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliæ septimi patris dicti Domini Regis nunc, tento apud Westmonasterium septimo die Novembris anno regni sui primo editi, pro diversis prodicionibus per ipsum Ricardum Charlton Militem tunc antea commissis & perpetratis, de alta prodicione attinctus fuit; tempore prodicionis & attincturæ suarum fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo, inter alia, de & in uno Mesuagio sive tenemento in parochia Omnium Sanctorum in Hony Lane, in quo Johannes Harte tunc inhabitavit, Et quod Mesuagium sive tenementum illud tempore captionis dictæ Inquisitionis fuit ruinos[um] & nullius valoris; Et quod tenetur de Domino Rege ut in libero burgagio infra prædictam Civitatem Londoniæ per fidelitatem tantum, prout in Inquisitione prædicta hic in Curia de Recordo remanente inter alia plenius continetur.

Et modo scilicet in Crastino Animarum hoc Termino, venerunt hic Major ac Communitas prædictæ Civitatis Londoniæ per Clementem Smyth Attornatum suum, Et petunt auditum Inquisitionis prædictæ, & eis legitur; qua lecta & per ipsos audita & intellecta, iidem Major & Communitas queruntur prædictum Mesuagium sive tenementum scituatum & jacens in prædicta parochia Omnium Sanctorum in Hony Lane prædicta in dicta Inquisitione specificata in manum dicti Domini Regis nunc ab octavo die Junii anno regni Regis nunc Henrici octavi vicesimo octavo remansisse & adhuc remanere, ipsosque a possessione sua inde teneri, & hoc minus juste; quia dicunt quod Dominus Rex nunc Henricus octavus, per Literas suas patentes datas apud Westmonasterium xi<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni sui xxviii<sup>o</sup>, Curia hic prolata Recitando per eandem quod ipse inspexit quendam Actum Parliamenti, per ipsum Dominum Regem, de avisamento & assensu Dominorum spiritualium & temporalium, ac Communitatis regni sui Angliæ in ultimo Parlamento suo ante datam dictarum Li-

terarum patentium existentium pro Majore Civitatis Londoniæ inactitatum stabilitatum & ordinatum factum in hæc verba. Forasmuche as tyme oute of mynd and remembraunce of Man the Cyte of London hathe byn acceptyd and taken the moste cheffe and hed Cyte of thys Realme and the Kyngs Chamber, which hath bene bewtyfyed with meny goodly and sumptuous byldyngs, and moste especyally in the cheffe and moste open placys of the seyde Cyte, to the greate honor of thys Realme when Embassadours and other estrange persones of foreyn Cuntreys have hadde theyr recourse to thys Cytie; and now of late it has chaunsed that a Mesuage wyth thappertenaunces belongyng to the Mayer and Comminaltie of London of late, scituate in the Chepe in the Parish of All Hallowes of Hony Lane of London, and of olde tyme geven and bequeathed by one Roger Essex, by hys last Wyll and Testament, to Odo hys Sune and Heyr and to theyrs of hys body lawfully begotten, And for defalte of such Issue the remaindre therof to the Bridge of London, towards the sustentation and mayntenaunce of the Workes of the same Brydge, is fallen downe to the ground, and now remaynyth desolate and but a voyd place of ground in the moste open and cheyffe place of the same Cyte, which is not mete nor cumly in eny Cyte to be sufferyd, yf eny convenient remedy might be found or provyded in that behalfe; the which Mesuage with the yerly Rent of iiii℥ of late going owt of the same, and belongyng to Rychard Charlton Knyght attainted of hawt Treason, and iii℥ vis viii<sup>d</sup> yerly goyng owt of the same Mesuage wyth thappertinaunces, and belongyng to the Person of Seynt Mary-Bow in London and hys Successors by the Kynges Hyghness oure dredd Sovereigne Lord, and also John Cokkys Clerke Person of the seyde Parishe Church, with thassent of the Reverend Father in God Lord Thomas Archbysshop of Caunterbury Patrone and Ordynary of the same place, have severally gevyn the seyde Mesuage and severall Rents wyth thappertenaunces to Wylliam Penyson Esquier to hys Heyres and Assignees for ever, of whych Willyam Penyson the seyde Mayer and Commonalte for the summe of a hunderyth pounds to the seyde Penyson well and truly contentyd and payed, have fully and clerly barganed and bowtht the seyde Mesuage and the seyde severall Rents wyth thappertenaunces; and bycause the voyd place and pece of ground now desolate wylbe very costly to be edyfied, and the seyde Mayer and Comminaltie by Goddys grace theruppon intend to expend grette and notable Summes of money and also the yerly Revenues and profyts of the same when yt ys buyldyd shalbe convertyd to the mayntenance of London-Brydge, as ys aforeseyd, whych ys very commodious for



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for all the Kyngys Lege People. Be yt therefore enactyd establysshid and ordeynyd by the Kyng our Soverygne Lorde, wyth thassent of all the Lordys spirituall and temporall, and also the Commons, in this present Parliament assemblyd, and by auctorite of the same, that the same Mayer and Comminaltie shall and may have the seyde voyd Plott or pece of ground wyth the appertenaunces, clerly suerly and indyfferently, to theym and to theyr Successors for ever, fully and clerly dyscharged of all maner of Rents and of all other trowbles charges and incumbrances, of the gyft of the Kyngs moste noble Mayestie To hold the same of the oure most Soveraigne Lorde his Heyres and Successors in fre burgage, and wythout eny other thyng hereafter to be payed to hym his Heyres and Successors, or eny other person or persones whatsoever for the same; and that the same Mayer and Comminaltie may frankly and frely peasably and quyetly have hold and enjoye the seyde voyde ground there now beyng, wyth all and every edyfyces to be made and buylded hereafter upon the same, to the seyde Mayer and Comminalte of London and to theyr Successors, frankly frely and suerly for ever, prout in eisdem Literis patentibus Curiae hic sub Magno Sigillo ipsius Domini Regis nunc sigillatis ostensis plenius continetur. Quarum quidem Literarum patentium tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus octavus Dei gratia Angliæ & Franciæ Rex, fidei defensor, Dominus Hiberniæ, & in terra supremum caput Anglicanæ Ecclesiæ Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus quendam Actum Parliamenti, per nos de avisamento & assensu Dominorum spiritualium ac temporalium ac Communitatis regni nostri Angliæ in ultimo Parlamento nostro existentium, pro Majore & Communitate Civitatis nostræ Londoniæ inactitatum stabilitatum & ordinatum factum in hæc verba. Forasmuch as tyme owt of mynd and remembraunce of man the Cyte of London hath bene acceptyd and takyn the moste cheffe and hedde Cyte of thys Realme and the Kyngs Chamber, which hath bene bewtyfyed wyth meny goodly and sumptuous buyldyngs, and moste especyally in the cheyff and open placys of the seyde Cyte, to the grett honor of thys Realme, when Embassatores and other estrange personnes of estrange Countreys have hadde theyr recourse to the Cyte of London, And now of late yt hath chaunfed that a Mesuage wyth the appertenaunces, belongyng to the Mayer and Cominaltie of London of late, scituate in the Chepe, in the Parishe of All Halowes in Honny Lane of London and of old tyme gevyn and bequethed by one Roger Essex by hys last Wyll and Testament to Odo his Sonne and Heyer, and to theyres of hys Body lawfully begotten, and for defalte of such Issue the remayndere therof to the Brydge of London, towards the sustentacyon and mayntenance of the Workes of the same Brydge, ys fallen down to the ground and now remaynyth desolate and but a voyde place or

plott of ground, in the most open and cheff place of the same Cyte, whych ys not mete nor comly in eny Cyte to be suffered, yf eny convenyent remydy myght be found or provyded in that behalfe; The which Mesuage wyth the yerly Rent of iiiij l, of late growyng owt of the same, and belongyng to Rycharde Charlton Knyght attaynted of hawt Treason and iii l vi s viii d yerly also goyng owt of the same Mesuage wyth the appurtenaunces, and belongyng to the Person of Seynt Mary Bowe in London and his Successors, by the Kyngs Highness our drede Sovereign Lord and also John Cokks Clerke, Person of the seyde Parishe Church, wyth thassent of the Reverend Father in God, Lord Thomas Archbishop of Caunterbury Patrone and ordynarye of the same place, have severally gevyn the seyde Mesuage and severall Rents wyth thappertenaunces to Wylliam Penyson Esquier, to hys heyres and Assignes for ever, of whych Willyam Penyson the seyde Mayer and Cominaltie for the Summe of One hunderyth pounds to the seyde Penyson well and trewly contentyd and payed, have fully and clerly bargayned and bowht the seyde Mesuage and the seid severall Rents wyth thappertenaunces, and bycause the seyde voyd place and plott of ground nowe desolate wolbe very Costly to be edyfied, and the seyde Mayer and Comminaltie by Goddys grace theruppon intend to expend grett and notable summes of money, and allso the yerly Revenues and profyts of the same, when yt ys buylded, shalbe converted to the mayntenance of London Brydge as aforeseyd, whych is very commodious for all the Kyngys lege people. Be yt therefore enactyd establysshid and ordeyned by the Kyng our Soveraigne Lorde wyth thassent of all the Lords spirituall and temporall in thys present Parliament assemblyd, and by auctoryte of the same, that the seyde Mayer and Comminaltie shall and may have the seyde voyd place or pece of ground wyth thappurtenaunces, clerly surly and indyfferently to them and to theyr Successors for ever, fully and clerly dyschargyd of all manner Rents and of all maner other Trowbles charges and incumbrances, of the fre gyft of the Kyngs moste noble Majestye, To hold the same of the Kyng our Soveraigne Lorde hys heyres and Successors in fre burgage, and wythout eny other thyng hereafter to be payed to hym hys heyres or Successors, or eny other persone or persones whatsoever for the same, and that the seyde Mayer and Cominalty may frankly and frely peasably and quyetly have holde and enjoye the seyde voyd ground there now beyng, wyth all and every edyfyces to be made and buyldyd hereafter upon the same, to the seyde Mayer and Cominaltie of London and to theyr Successors, Frankly frely and suerly for ever. Nos autem tenorem Actus prædicti, ad requisitionem prædilecti & fidelis nostri Johannis Aleyn Militis nunc Majoris Civitatis nostræ Londoniæ ac Communitatis ejusdem Civitatis duximus exemplificandum per præsentis. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, Teste meipso

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CHAP. *Major & Communitas, and Cives Londoniæ (b)*; In the Twentyscond year of Q *ELI-S E C T.*  
 VI. *sabeth, Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, Cives Londoniæ, Major & Com-* III.  
*munitas ac Cives (i)*, In the Thirteenth year of K *James I, Major & Communitas,*  
 and *Cives Londoniæ (k)*; In the Fifth year of K *Charles I, Major & Communitas,*  
 and *Cives (l)*, In the Seventeenth year of K *Charles II, Major & Communitas Ci-*  
*vitatis Londoniæ (m), and Cives Londoniæ (n).*

III. In several past ages the City of *Norwich* in the County of *Norfolk* hath been put in Charge to the King in his Revenue-Rolls by different Denominations. For example. They have been denominated as followeth, to wit: In the Reign of K *Henry I, Burgenses de Norwic (o)*; in the Twentyninth and Thirtyfirst years of K *Henry II, Cives Norwici (p)*; in the sixth year of K *Richard I, Cives de Norwico (q)*; in the Ninth and Tenth years of K *Richard I, Cives de Norwiz, Civitas Norwici and Villa de Norwich (r)*; in the Second year of K *Henry III, Cives*

meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xi<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni nostri xxviii<sup>o</sup>. Et unde prædicti Major & Communitas prædictæ Civitatis Londoniæ detulerunt Curia hic quoddam breve dicti Domini Regis nunc de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii inde directum, & irrotulatum in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii, videlicet inter breviam directa Baronibus de Terminis sancti Michaelis, anno xxviii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, Rotulo.. ex parte Rememoratoris Regis. Quæ omnia & singula iidem Major & Communitas parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c; Et petunt iudicium suum quod manus Domini Regis nunc a possessione sua Mesuagii sive Tenementi prædicti amoveantur, Et quod iidem Major & Communitas ad possessionem suam Mesuagii sive Tenementi prædicti cum pertinentiis, unacum exitibus & proficuis inde a dicto octavo die Junii prædicto anno xxviii<sup>o</sup> dicti Domini Regis nunc, de quibus eidem Domino Regi nondum est responsum, restituantur &c. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, evocatoque ad hoc Attornato Domini Regis, & per præfatos Barones allocuto si quid pro eodem Domino Rege in præmissis dicere vellet aut sciret, qui nichil dicit, Ideo Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod manus dicti Domini Regis nunc a possessione sua mesuagii sive tenementi prædicti cum pertinentiis amoveantur; Et quod præfati Major & Communitas prædictæ Civitatis Londoniæ ad possessionem suam ejusdem Mesuagii sive tenementi cum pertinentiis, unacum exitibus & proficuis ejusdem, a supradicto octavo die Junii prædicto anno vicesimo octavo dicti Domini Regis nunc, de quibus eidem Domino Regi nunc nondum est responsum, restituantur. *Mich. Communia 28 Hen. 8. Rot. 13.*

(b) Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l, de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ —.

Cives Londoniæ debent x l per annum, de feodi firma Villæ de Suthwarke cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum —. *Mag. Rot. 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(i) Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l, de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ —.

Cives Londoniæ debent x l per annum, de feodi firma Villæ de Southwark cum pertinentiis —.

Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis Londoniæ debent L x l per annum, de firma Subsidii & ulnagii pannorum venalium in Civitate Londonia & Suburbis ejusdem —. *Mag. Rot. 22 Eliz. Londonia Middelfexia, m. a & b.*

(k) Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ deb[ent] L l, de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ —.

Cives Londoniæ deb[ent] x l per annum, de feodi firma Villæ de Southwark cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum —. *Mag. Rot. 13 Jac. 1. Londonia & Middelfexia. m. 1. a.*

(l) Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l, de feodi firma Ripæ Reginæ —.

Cives Londoniæ debent x l per annum, de feodi firma Villæ de Southwarke cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum —. *Mag. Rot. 5 Car. 1. tit. Londonia Middelfexia m. 1. a.*

(m) Major & Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ debent L l per annum de firma Ripæ Reginæ, sicut continetur in Rotulis x<sup>o</sup> & xv<sup>o</sup> Regis Edwardi secundi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Residuo Londoniæ. *Mag. Rot. 17 Car. 2. tit. Londonia Midd[elfexia], m. 1. a.*

(n) Cives Londoniæ debent x l per annum de feodi firma villæ de Southwerke cum pertinentiis ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum; Sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo Regis Henrici quarti in hoc Com[itu]tu, & in Surreia, & in Rotulis xviii<sup>o</sup> & secundo Regis Edwardi tertii. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Residuum Londoniæ. *Mag. Rot. 17 Car. 2. tit. Londonia Midd[elfexia], m. 1. a.*

(o) *Hist. Excheq. p 418. col. 1. r.*

(p) *Hist. Excheq. p 274. col. 1. w. Ib. p 384. col. 1. w.*

(q) *Hist. Excheq. p 275. col. 1. k.*

(r) Cives de Norwiz r c de C & viii l bl[ancis] de firma Civitatis Norwici; In thesauro C l & xxii s & iii d bl[ancis]; Et in Elem[osyna] constit[uta] Monialibus de Carrou xxv s, Et in



CHAP. Cives Norewici and Homines Civitatis Norewici (s); in the Seventh year of K Hen- S E C T.  
ry III, Homines de Norewico (t); in the Fourteenth year of K Henry III, Homines III. IV.  
de Norwyco (u); in the Thirtyninth year of K Henry III, Cives Norwici, Civitas  
Norwici and Homines de Norwico (w); in the Fiftyfixth year of K Henry III,  
Cives Norwici (x), Burgenses de Norwico (y), Civitas Norwici (z), Villata  
de Norwico (a), Civitas and Villata Norwici (b); in the Nineteenth year of K  
Edward I, Cives Norwyci (c); in the Twentyseventh year of K Edward I, Cives  
Nortwici (d); in the Eighteenth year of Edward II, Cives Norwyci (e); in the  
Eleventh year of K Edward III, Cives Norwyci (f); in the Second year of K  
Richard II, Cives Norwici, Villa [Norwici], and Ballivi Civitatis Nor-  
wici (g).

IV. In divers past ages the Town of Ipswich in Suffolk hath been put in Charge  
in the Kings Revenue-Rolls by divers Names. For example. It was Named in  
the reign of K Henry I, Burgus de Gepefwic (h); in the Sixth and Seventh years  
of K Richard I, Homines de Gipefwiz (i); in the Ninth year of K Richard I,  
Homines

in defalt[a] vi Monetariorum vii, Et quieti  
sunt. Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 16. a. tit.  
Norfolch & Sudfolch.

Taillag[ium] factum per H Cantuariensem  
Archiepiscopum in Itinere suo, de Vill[a] de  
Norwich. Cives de Norwiz r c de CCC mar-  
cis de Taillagio prædicto; In th l, Et q f.  
Idem Cives r c de C marcis de Taillagio fa-  
cto per eundem Archiepiscopum ad servientes  
retinendos, In th l. Et q f. Mag. Rot. 10  
Ric. 1. Rot. 6. m. 2. b. tit. Norfolch & Sud-  
folch.

(s) Cives Norewici [debent] C & viii l  
bl[ancas] de firma villæ suæ.

Homines Civitatis Norewici [debent] Liiii l  
bl[ancas] de firma villæ suæ de dimidio anno  
xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis J. Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. b.  
Norf. & Suff.

(t) Hist. Excheq. p 286. col. 1. o.

(u) Ib. p 288. col. 1. f.

(w) Cives Norwic[i] reddunt compotum  
de C & viii l bl[ancorum], de firma villæ  
suæ —

Civitas Norwic[i] debet xx l de tallagio.

Homines de Norwico debent iis de talla-  
gio, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix. Mag.  
Rot. 39 Hen. 3. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.

(x) Cives Norwici [debent] Cviii l bl[ancas]  
de firma villæ suæ; Et [debent] Cviii l bl[an-  
cas] de eadem de anno præterito, sicut con-  
tinetur in Rotulo præcedenti.

Idem Cives [debent] Liiii l viis ii d ob. de  
duobus debitis sicut continetur in Rotulo  
Liii<sup>o</sup>. Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 20. a. Norf.  
& Suff.

(y) Burgenses de Norwic[o] [debent . . .]  
de pretio cat[allorum] Gilberti le Weider,  
sicut continetur in Rotulo xlv. Mag. Rot.  
56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Norf. & Suff.

(z) Civitas Norwici [debent] xxxvii l xiii s  
iii d ob. de fine pro tallagio. Mag. Rot. 56  
Hen. 3. Rot. 19. b. Norf. & Suff.

(a) Vill[ata] de Norwico [debent] Lxiii l  
xvii s vi d de tallagio. Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3.  
Rot. 19. a. Norf. & Suff.

(b) Civitas Norwici [debent] quater xx mar-  
cas de duobus debitis, sicut continetur in

Rotulo xlii; Et [debet] xx l, quæ requirun-  
tur super villatam pro contemptu. Mag. Rot.  
56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Norf. & Suff.

(c) Cives Norwyci r c de Cviii l bl[anco-  
rum], de firma villæ suæ, quæ sunt extensæ  
ad Cxiii l viis numero; In thesauro liberave-  
runt, Et quieti sunt.

Idem Cives r c de xls de novo cremento  
ejusdem, sicut continetur in Rotulo xliii; In  
th l, Et q f. Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Norf-  
folch & Suff[olch], m. 2. a.

(d) Cives Nortwici r c de Cviii l bl[anco-  
rum] de firma villæ suæ, quæ sunt extensæ  
ad Cxiii l viis numero; In th l per duas tal-  
lias, Et q f.

Idem Cives r c de xls de novo cremento  
ejusdem villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xliii;  
In th l, Et q f. Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit.  
Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.

(e) Cives Norwyci r c de Cxiii l viis nu-  
mero pro Cviii l bl[ancorum] de feodi firma  
villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi & in  
Rotulo xliii Regis E filii Regis H. In thesau-  
ro quaterviginti viii l viis per eundem Vice-  
comitem pro eisdem. Et debent xxv l. Et  
respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 18  
Edw. 2. Rot. 1. m. 1. a. tit. Norf. Suff.

(f) Cives Norwyci debent Cxiii l viis nu-  
mero pro Cviii l de feodi firma villæ suæ,  
sicut continetur in Rotulo v & Rotulo secun-  
do & in Rotulo xliii Regis E filii Regis H.  
Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(g) Cives Norwici debent Cxiii l viis nu-  
mero pro Cviii l bl[ancis] de feodi firma vil-  
læ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo v<sup>o</sup> Regis  
E tercii, & in Rotulo xliii Regis E filii Re-  
gis H.

Idem Cives debent xls de novo incremen-  
to villæ suæ, sicut continetur ibidem.

Ballivi Civitatis Norwici debent xi d per  
annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de red-  
ditu diversarum domorum Judæorum in Nor-  
wyco, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> & xii<sup>o</sup>  
Regis E filii Regis E. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2.  
Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.

(h) Hist. Excheq. p 418. col. 1. s.

(i) Hist. Excheq. p 275. col. 1. i. & col. 2. r.



CHAP. *Homines de Gipewiz, Villata de Gipefwiz, and Burgenses de Gipefwiz (k)*; in S E C T. VI. the Second year of K Henry III, *Homines de Gipewico (l)*; in the Fortyfixth IV. year of K Henry III, *Vill[a] de Gipewic[o] and Homines de Gipewic (m)*; in the Fiftysecond year of K Henry III, *Ballivi & probi Homines de Gipewico (n)*; in the Fiftyfixth year of K Henry III, *Burgus de Gipewyz (o)*, *Villata de Gipewyz (p)*, and *Homines de Gipewiz (q)*; in the Nineteenth year of K Edward I, *Homines de Gypewyco and Burgenses de Gypewyco (r)*; in the Twelfth year of K Edward II, *Homines de Gippewico (s)*; in the Second year of K Richard II, *Burgenses*

(k) Idem Homines [viz. de Gipewiz] r c de xxv l bl[ancis] de firma de Gipewiz de hoc anno; In thesauro xx l & ix s & vi d bl[ancorum], Et in defalta iiii Monetariorum apud Gipefw[ic] iiii l, Et debent xl & xs & x d.

Id[em] Homines r c de Cs de novo cremento de hoc anno; In th l, Et q f. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 16. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch, m. 1. a.*

Taillag[ia] facta de Burgis & Escaetis Dominicorum Regis in Norfolc, per Robertum filium Rogeri & Osbertum filium Hervei, & Willelmum de Glanvill, & Michaellem Belet, & Magistrum Rogerum de Sancto Edmundo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de vii l & xii s & vi d de taill[agio] Hominum de Causton, Et de C & xvii s & viii d de taill[agio] Hominum de Saham, quorum nomina & debita annotantur in Rotulo quem prædicti liberaverunt in thesauro; In th l in ii tal[eis], Et q e.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xlii s & iiii d de taill[agio] Hominum de Eilletham, quorum nomina & debita annotantur in prædicto Rotulo; In th l, Et q e.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xviii l & ii s & iiii d de taill[agio] Burgi de Gernemue, facto per capita Hominum ejusdem villæ quorum nomina annotantur in prædicto Rotulo—.

De taillagiis factis per prædictos in Sudfolch.

Idem Vicecomes r c de C & xvs & vi d de taill[agio] Hominum de Oreford, quorum nomina & debita annotantur in prædicto Rotulo.

Idem Vicecomes r c de xxs de taill[agio] villatæ de Eye; In th l, Et q e.

Villata de Gipefwiz r c de x marcis in taill[agio]; In thesauro liberavit, Et quieta est.

Burgenses de Gipefwiz r c de x marcis, de waifda Wales de Clari capta apud Gipefwiz; In th l, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 16. m. 2. b. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch.*

(l) Homines de Gipewico [debent] xxxv l bl[ancorum] de firma villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. b. Norf. & Suff.*

(m) Vill[a] de Gipewic[o] debet xl l & xvi d de eodem [tallagio]. Ormesby [debet] vii l de dono. *Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Northfolk & Suffolk, m. 1. dorso.*

Homines de Gipewic r c de xxxv l blanco- rum de firma villæ suæ. *Ib. m. 1. a.*

(n) Ballivis & probis hominibus de Gipe- wico.

Rex mandat in fide qua Regi tenentur fir- miter injungens, quod illas Lx libras, quas de Tallagio suo super eos ultimo affecto levare fe-

cerunt, & penes eos habent, ut Rex accepit, habeant ad Scaccarium apud Westmonasteri- um in Craftino Trinitatis, Regi solvendas, & breve. Et hoc, sicut grave dampnum eo- rum vitare, & firmam suam ulterius tenere voluerint, nullatenus omittant. Teste &c. *Pas. Communia 52, incipiente 53 Hen. 3. Rot. 10. b.*

(o) Burgus de Gipewyz [debet] xv l xviii s xd de eodem [tallagio]. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. b. Nortf. & Suff.*

(p) Vill[ata] de Gipewyz debet xxv l vs iiii d de duobus tallagiis. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Nortf. & Suff.*

(q) Homines de Gypewiz r c de xxxv l bl[ancis] de firma villæ suæ.

Idem Homines r c de Cs de cremento vil- læ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 20. a. Nortf. & Suff.*

(r) Homines de Gypewyco debent xxxv l bl[ancorum] de firma ejusdem villæ. Set non debent hic summoneri, nec de eadem firma hic onerari, quia Philippus Herneys & socii sui Homines ejusdem villæ respondent de Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Norfolch & Suff[olch], m. 1. a.*

Philippus Herneys Johannes Clement Vivi- anus Silvestre Johannes de Brisete & alii Ho- mines de Gypewyco reddunt compotum de Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ, tenendæ per ta- lem firmam quamdiu Regi placuerit, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedente, In thesauro xlvi l ii s ii d, Et Gilberto Peche cui Rex con- cessit de eadem firma xxvii l xvs viii d, per- ciend[os] ad totam vitam suam, sicut conti- netur in Rotulo præcedente, xlii l xviii s xd de eadem firma, de primo dimidio hoc anno, antequam idem G moreretur; Et quieti sunt. *Ibid. m. 2. b.*

Burgenses de Gypewyco r c de C marcis pro habenda villa sua ad feodi firmam pro Lxl numero, & pro habenda confirmatione de certis articulis in cartis suis contentis, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedente. *Ib. m. 2. b. ad imum.*

Philippus Herneys Johannes Clement Vi- vianus Silvestre & alii Homines de Gypewico r c de Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ, tenendæ per talem firmam quamdiu Regi placuerit, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii, Et xxx l de eadem de annis præteritis, In thesauro Lxl per ii tallias, Et debent xxx l. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 2. a.*

(s) Philippus Herneys, Johannes Clement, Vivianus Silvestre, & alii Homines de Gipe- wico,



CHAP. *Burgenses Gippewici* (t), *Ballivi villa Gippewici* and *Homines Gippewici* (u); in VI. the Twelfth year of K Henry IV, *Burgenses Gippewici* (w); in the Eleventh year of K Henry VIII (x), and the Fourth year of K Edward VI, *Burgenses Gippewici* and *Homines Villa Gippewici* (y). SECT. V.

V. In several past ages the Town of *Dunwich* in *Suffolk* was charged to the King in his Revenue-Rolls by several Denominations. For instance. In the Fourteenth year of K Henry II, the Town of *Dunwich* rendred Cxxxiii l vis viii d for the Aid to Marry the Lady *Maud* the Kings Eldest Daughter to the Duke of *Saxony*. It is styled in the *Great Roll* of That year *Villata de Dunewic[o]* (z); and in the Twentyninth year of the same King *Villata de Dunewiz* (a). In the Thirtyfirst year of K Henry II, *Geoffrey* Bishop of *Ely* Committee or *Custos* of the Honour of *Eye* rendred to the King Lxl for the Ferm of *Dunwiz*, and vii s xd for certain Houses in that Town which then-lately escheated to the Crown. It is styled absolutely *Dunewiz* in this Roll (b). In the First year of K Richard I, amongst the Kings Demeanes and the Lands which then were in his hands in the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, the Town of *Dunewiz* was tallaged to the King at C marks in common or in an entire sum, by the name of *Burgenses de Dunewiz* (c). In the Tenth year of K Richard I, they were amerced by the name of *Vill[ata] de*

pewico, r c de Lxl de firma ejusdem Villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii. In thesauro xxxl per Homines de Gipp[ewico], Et debent xxxl. Et respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(t) *Burgenses Gippewici* debent Lxl de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviiiº Regis E filii Regis H, & in Memorandis de anno xixº dicti Regis E. De quibus Homines *Gippewici* respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(u) *Ballivi villæ Gippewici* debent id per annum de Johanne Herneys de *Gippewico* & hæredibus suis de domibus *Judæorum*, sicut continetur in Rotulo viº Regis E tercii & in Rotulo xiiº Regis E filii Regis E. De quo Homines *Gippewici* respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(w) *Burgenses Gippewici* debent Lxl de firma villæ suæ. De quibus Homines *Gippewici* respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(x) *Burgenses Gippewici* debent Lxl de firma villæ suæ—. De quibus Homines villæ *Gippewici* respondent in Res[idu]um Norf[olciæ]. Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(y) *Burgenses Gippewici* debent Lxl de firma Villæ suæ, Et Lxl de anno præterito. Summa, Cxxl. De quibus Homines Villæ *Gippewici* respondent in Item Norfolcia de Lxl. Et debent Lxl. Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(z) De Honore Eyæ. *Villata Eyæ* redd[it] compotum de v marcis de eodem Auxilio [viz. for marrying the Kings Daughter].

*Villata de Torendona* reddit compotum de xls de eodem auxilio. In thesauro liberavit, Et Queta est.

*Villata de Stradebroc* r c de iiiii marcis de eodem. In thesauro liberavit, Et Queta est.

*Villata de Lexefelde* r c de iiiii marcis de

eodem auxilio, In th l, Et Queta est.

*Villata de Ingivetona* r c de iii marcis & dimidia de eodem auxilio.

*Villata de Tatingetona* r c de ii marcis de eodem auxilio, In th l, Et Queta est.

*Villata de Legestun* r c de x marcis de eodem auxilio. In th l, Et Queta est.

*Villata de Dunewic[o]* r c de C & xxxiii l & vis & viii d de eodem auxilio. In thesauro Lxvii l & xiiis & iii d. Et deb[et] Lxvii l xiiis & iii d.

*Villata de Mildehala* r c de xiii l & vis & viii d de eodem auxilio.

*Villata de Gipefwic[o]* r c de Liii l & vis & viii d de eodem auxilio. In thesauro xxxiii l & xs. Et debet xxviii l & xvii s & viii d. Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. in dorso; tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch.

Honor Eyæ. *Galfridus Elyensis Episcopus* r c de CC & xviii l & v d, de Veteri firma ejusdem Honoris—. Idem r c de xlvi l & xiiis & iii d, de assisa de *Dunewic*; In thesauro liberavit, Et Qe. Mag. Rot. 22 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. b. Nordfolc & Sudfolc.

(a) *Villata de Dunewiz* r c de C & xvii s & iii d de misericordia pro loquela *Avelinæ*. In thesauro Cs, Et debent xvii s & iii d. Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. a. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch.

(b) De *Galfrido Eliensi Episcopo* Lx & xiii l & ix s & i d de firma Honoris de *Eia*.

De eodem Lxl de firma de *Dunewiz*.

De eodem vii s & xd de Domibus *Willelmi filii Willelmi filii Annam*, Escaetis in *Dunewiz*. Ex Rot. cui tit. Rotulus Honorum, de S Mich. 31 Hen. 2. penes Remem. Thes. Termino membr. 3.

(c) De Tallagio Dominiorum Regis & Terrarum quæ tunc erant in manu ejus in Norf[olch]. There follow the Tallages or Dones of all the Kings Towns in Norfolk. Item de Tallag[i]o in Sudfolch. Amongst other Towns, *Burgenses de Dunewiz* debent C marcas de Dono promisso in Comuni per ipsos. Mag. Rot. 1 Ric. 1. Rot. 3. a. Nordfolch & Sudfolch.



CHAP. de Dunw[ico] (d). In the First year of K John the Town of Dunwich standeth S E C T. VI. Charged to the King by the name of Villata de Dunewiz (e) and Homines de Dunewiz (f); In the Second year of K Henry III, they are styled Homines de Done-

wico (g); In the five and twentieth year of K Henry III, Homines de Dunewic[o] (h); In the Thirtyninth year of K Henry III, Homines de Dunewico (i); In the Fifty-sixth year of K Henry III, Homines de Dunwico (k), Burgus de Donewyz (l), and Donewyz absolutely (m); In the Sixteenth year of K Edward I, Villa de Dunwico (n); In the Eighteenth year of K Edward I, Communitas villa de Donewyc[o] (o); In the seven and twentieth year of K Edward I, Communitas villa

(d) Ammerciamenta facta per Stephanum de Turneham & Ricardum Archidiaconum Elyensem & Rannulfum Thesaurarium Sar[esb]eriensem, super illos qui miserunt blada inimicis Regis in Flandriam. *Here follow the names of several men, Then* Villata de Oreford r c de xv marcis pro eodem. Vill[ata] de Dunw[ico] [debet] M & Lx marcas pro eodem. Vill[ata] de Gipefw[ico] debet CC marcas pro eodem. Vill[ata] de Len r c de M marcis pro eodem. Villat[a] de Gernemue r c de CC marcis pro eodem. Villat[a] de Becles r c de Lx marcis pro eodem. *Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 6. m. 2. dorso; tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch.*

(e) Ammerciamenta facta per Stephanum de Turneham & socios suos, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti. — Villata de Gernemue reddit compotum de C & xix l & vi s & viii d, pro eodem [sc. ammerciamento]. Villata de Dunewiz [debet] M & Lx marcas pro eodem. Villata de Gipewiz [debet] CC marcas pro eodem. Villata de Len reddit compotum de CCC & xlvii l & viii s & iii d pro eodem. *Mag. Rot. 1 Job. Rot. 19. b. Norfolch & Sudfolch.*

(f) Homines de Dunewiz [debent] xiii l & iii s iii d de tallagio facto per Ricardum de Gosfeld & Willelmum de Glanvill. *Mag. Rot. 1 Job. Rot. 19. b. Norfolch & Sudfolch.*  
*And Hist. Excheq. p 325, col. 1. g.*

(g) Homines de Donewic[o] debent C & xx l & i marcam de firma villæ suæ. In thesauro . . . , Et in perdonis ipsis Hominibus xl l, per finem quem fecerunt cum Rege; Et in decim[is] const[itutis] Monachis de Eya xii l; Et Monachis de Ely i marca, Et eisdem xxiiii mil[lia] allecis; Et in elem[osyna] const[ituta] Militibus de Templo x s. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. b. Norfolk & Suffolk.*

(h) Baronibus, pro Hominibus de Dunewic[o]. Rex eisdem, quod allocent eisdem Hominibus, in debitis quæ Regi debent, xv l, pro servicio suo nuper Regi facto in mittendo in partes Daciæ, & de residuo debitorum illorum faciant eis habere respectum usque ad Scaccarium Paschæ anno xxv. Breve est in for[ulo] Mar[escalli]. Et mandatum est Vicecomiti Norfolciæ. *Hil. Communia 25 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. b.*

(i) Homines de Dunewico reddunt compotum de C & xx marcis de firma Villæ suæ —: In Perdonis ipsis Hominibus xl l per Cartam Regis J—, Et in perdonis ipsis Hominibus xx l, propter deteriorationem

Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxvº: Et debent xlvii l x s. *Mag. Rot. 39 Hen. 3. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.*

(k) Homines de Dunwico r c de Cxx l i marca de firma villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 20. a. Nortf. & Suff.*

(l) Burgus de Donewyz [debet] Liil ix s i d de eodem [tallagio]. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Nortf. & Suff.*

(m) Donewyz [debet] xlvii marcas de tallagio, sicut continetur in Rotulo xlii. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Nortf. & Suff.*

(n) Ricardus de Holbrok quondam Custos Villæ de Dunwico [debet] Cs, pro evasione Johannis de Keleshull, sicut continetur in Rotulo de prædicto Itinere [viz. Salomonis de Roffa].

Vill[a] de Dunwyc[o] debet Cs, pro evasione Willelmi Molendinarii de Hoxne, sicut continetur ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 16 Edw. 1. Norf. Suff.*

(o) Baronibus pro Communitate Villæ de Donewyc[o].

Quia datum est Regi intelligi, quod Augustinus le Clerk, Johannes Cok, Thomas Skit (and Ten others here named), qui per diversas vices fuerunt Ballivi Regis de Donewyc[o], firmas ejusdem villæ receperunt de toto tempore quo fuerunt Ballivi ibidem, nec inde ad Scaccarium plene responderunt, & eciam diversas pecuniarum summas de diversis tallagiis super Homines dictæ Villæ per ipsos auctoritate propria assessis similiter receperunt, confingentes diversa negotia inde expedienda ad utilitatem Communitatis Villæ prædictæ, unde Communitas illa utilitatem postea nullam sensit, set potius se gravatam per varias districtiones quæ fiunt super eandem, per summonitiones Scaccarii, per defectum dictorum Ballivorum: Rex nolens Communitatem illam occasione hujusmodi indebite prægravari &c —, mandat Baronibus, quod vocatis celeriter coram eis ad Scaccarium prædictum supradictis Augustino, Johanne Cok, Thoma Skit (and the rest), & audita querela hominum Communitatis prædictæ quam in præmissis proponere duxerint coram eis, audiant Compotum supradictum, & plenam justitiam partibus faciant, Ita quod ex parte Communitatis ejusdem pro defectu eorum ad Regem inde querela non perveniat iterata. Et nullatenus hoc omittant. Datum sub privato Sigillo apud Castel-acre, xxiiº die Septembris anno xviiº. *Mich. Communia 17 & 18 Edw. 1. Rot. 2. a.*



CHAP. *villæ Dunewici* (p); In the Twelfth year of K *Edward II*, *Homines Villæ Done-* SECT.  
VI. *wici* (q), and *Villa de Donewico* (r); In the First year of K *Edward III*, *Homines* V.  
de *Donewyco* and *gentz de Donewyz* (s); In the Second year of K *Richard II*,  
*Burgenfes*

(p) Tota Communitas villæ Dunewici [debet] Lxvii i marcam, pro villa sua rehabenda. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. b.*

(q) Homines Villæ Donewici debent CLxii / vis iiii d ob., de pluribus debitis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxii. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. a.*

(r) Vill[a] de Donewico [debet] xl xis de catallis diverforum, ibidem [viz in Rotulo xxxiii]. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. a.*

(s) Suffolcia. De quadam Allocatione facienda Hominibus de Donewyco.

Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno primo, in hæc verba. *Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Monstraverunt nobis Homines nostri de Donewyco, per petitionem suam coram nobis & Consilio nostro in Parlamento nostro exhibitam, quod cum ipsi anno regni Domini E quondam Regis Angliæ avi nostri vicesimo quarto, fuissent in guerra dicti avi nostri in partibus Vasconia, cum undecim navibus suis, & ibidem ad sumptus suos proprios per magnum tempus in servitio dicti avi nostri moram fecissent, & quatuor naves de prædictis undecim navibus, ac bona & catalla in eisdem quatuor navibus existentia, in eodem servitio ibidem amisissent; & postmodum iidem Homines præfato avo nostro per eorum petitionem supplicassent, quod ipse habito respectu ad misas & sumptus suos prædictos, eis eisdem misas & sumptus, una cum dampnis quæ in præmissis sustinuerunt, faceret allocari; dictusque avus noster tunc Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario virtute petitionis prædictæ mandasset, quod vocato coram eis Johanne de Botetourt tunc Admirallo flotæ navium prædicti avi nostri in partibus prædictis, eisdem hominibus aliqua debita sua quæ præfato avo nostro tunc debuerunt, juxta discretionem eorundem Thesaurarii & Baronum & secundum certificationem ejusdem Johannis eis in hac parte factam, remitterent, & aliqua debita eisdem Hominibus atterminarent; & licet idem Johannes coram præfatis Thesaurario & Baronibus personaliter constitutus, testificatus fuerit coram eisdem, quod misæ sumptus & dampna prædictorum Hominum in hac parte ad mille quadringentas & viginti libras & viginti libras & decem solidos per rationabilem compotum attigerunt, prout in Memorandis dicti Scaccarii plenius dicitur contineri, iidem tamen Homines allocationem seu remissionem aliquam de debitis prædictis tempore dicti avi nostri, seu tempore Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris nostri hucusque assequi non potuerunt; Super quo nobis sup-*

plicarunt sibi per nos remedium adhiberi: Nos eisdem Hominibus in hac parte volentes fieri quod est justum, mittimus vobis petitionem prædictam præsentibus interclusam, mandantes quod visa petitione prædicta, scrutatisque rotulis & memorandis Scaccarii prædicti, si per hujusmodi scrutinium inveneritis misas sumptus & dampna hominum prædictorum ad prædictos mille quadringentas & viginti libras & decem solidos attingere ut est dictum, tunc habito respectu ad statum dictæ Villæ & hominum ejusdem, debita quæ iidem homines nobis ad Scaccarium prædictum debent, in prædictis mille quadringentis & viginti libris & decem solidis, prædictis Hominibus ad Scaccarium prædictum allocari faciatis; Et de residuo prædictorum MCCCCxx / x s, si quid de eadem summa ultra debita quæ iidem Homines nobis debent contigerit remanere, debitam recompensationem eis habere faciatis, prout juxta discretionem vestram fore videritis faciendam. Teste meipso apud Westm. primo die Marcii anno regni nostri primo. Per petitionem de Consilio. Et tenor petitionis de qua superius fit mencio in mandato prædicto sequitur in hæc verba. A nostre Seignour le Roi & a son Conseil monstrent ses liges gentz de Donewyz, qe come eux en temps le Roi Edward Ael nostre Seignour le Roi qore est, lan de son regne xxiiii, furent en la guerre en les partyes de Gascoigne oue unze niefs de guerre, a comun custages de la dite ville per lung temps, de quel temps lur gages seint unqore pleinement aderere, & dedeinz quel temps il perdirent iiii niefs des dites xi niefs, oue les biens & gentz qe leyns furent, per reson des quieux pertes mises & custages, & per reson qe la mer les surrounda taunt & unqore fait, la dite Ville de Donewyz est taunt anientee & empoverie, qele ne vaut pas la moite de la ferme qils rendent au Roi, sanz griefs taillages mettre de an en an; Des queus choses les gentz de la dite ville fuirent per bille au dit Roi & son Conseil, & prierent allowance des custages & pertes avant ditz; la quele bille feust endossee, & maunde as Tresorer & Barouns del Eschequer, & comaunde qe pris a eux Sire Johan Buteourt qe adunque fust Admiral de la flote, solunc lur descretions & solunc sa certification, partye de lur dettes au dit Roi dues releffereient, & partye determinereient; le quel Sire Johan certiffa & tesmoigna devant les ditz Tresorer & Barons, qe les custages & les pertes des gentz avant ditz amouterent per bone acounte a MCCCCxx / & x s, come plus pleinement est contenuz en les remembraunces del Eschequer; & de quoi nule allowance ne fust faite; Et peus en le temps le Roi Edward Piere nostre Seignour le Roi qore est, fuirent ils per petition; per quoi il maunda son brief as Tresorer & Barons del Eschequer qil feissent allowance come devant; de quoi



CHAP. *Burgenſes villæ de Donewyco* (t); In the Twelfth year of K Henry IV, *Burgenſes villæ de Donewyco* (u); In the Eighth year of K Edward IV, *Homines villæ Donewici* (w); In the one and twentieth year of K Henry VII, and the Eleventh year of K Henry VIII, *Burgenſes Villæ & Burgi de Dunwich* or *Dunwico* (x).

VI. The Town of *Tarmouth* in *Norfolk* is put in Charge by divers denominations. They are ſtyled in the Seventh year of K John, *Villata de Gernemue* (y); in the Tenth year of K John, *Burgus de Gernemue* (z); in the Second year of K Henry III, *Homines de Gernemuth* (a); in the Fiftyſixth year of K Henry III, *Burgenſes*

rien ne fuſt fait; Dount il prient a noſtre Seignour le Roi de ſa bone grace, qe eaunt regard a lur lung ſuite, & a les meſcheſ de ſa dite Ville, voille comaunder partye des perdes & cuſtages avantditz eſtre allowez en les dettes qils lui deivent, & payement del remenant lur eſtre aſſigne, en amendement & relevement de ſa poure Ville, avantdite, per quei il lui poent ſervir & lieu tenir come faire ſoleient. Quæ quidem petitio indorſatur ſic. Soit maunde a Treſorer & Barons del Eſchequer, qe veue ceſte petition, & ſerchez les roules del Eſchequer, ſi trove ſoit qe les cuſtages & les pertes les hommes avantditz amountent a MCCCCxxl xs, come eſt contenuz en meſme la petition, qe eux eauntz regard al eſtat de la Ville avant dite, & les hommes de meſme la ville, les dettes qe meſmes les gentz deivent al Eſchequer ſoient allowez en la ſumme avantdite, & ſi rien de moert outre, de ceo ſoit fait compenſacion, ou en autre manere ſolunc ceo qil verront qe ferra affaire a lur deſcrecions. Et habita deliberatione ſuper præmiſſis, ſcrutatifque rotulis & memorandis hujus Scaccarii ſuper contentis in petitione & mandato prædictis, compertum eſt per certificationem dicti Johannis irrotulatam in memorandis anni xiiii Regis E patris hujus Regis, inter Recorda de Termino ſancti Michaelis, quod Homines de Donewyco fuerunt in ſervitio Domini Regis E Avi Regis nunc anno regni ſui xxiiii<sup>o</sup>, cum undecim navibus bene munitis & præparatis, pro transfretatione fratris prædicti Domini Regis E & aliorum ejuſdem Domini Regis fidelium, a portu de Plommuth verſus partes Vaſconia, & in partibus Vaſconia commorantium, a feſto ſancti Andreæ Apoſtoli eodem anno xxiiii, uſque feſtum Pentecoſtes proximo ſequens, infra quod tempus prædicti Homines de Donewyco fuerunt ibidem abſque vadiis a Domino Rege capiendis, ad cuſtus ſuos proprios, per treſdecim ſeptimanas & amplius, infra quod tempus iidem Homines amiſerunt de prædictis undecim navibus quatuor naves cum toto attilio earundem navium pretii CC l, Et quod vadia Marinariorum dictarum undecim navium, quorum Marinariorum nomina & vadia annotantur plenius in memorandis prædictis, attingunt per tempus prædictum ad M l CCxxl xs, per certificationem prædictam, unde ſumma totalis eſt MCCCCxxl xs. Et prætextu brevis petitionis & ſcrutini prædictorum, conſideratum eſt, quod debita quædem Homines Regi debent hic, allocetur eiſdem Hominibus, in partem ſolutionis & ſatisfactionis ſummæ prædictæ; Et quod reſi-

duum dictarum MCCCCxxl xs allocetur eiſdem Hominibus in debitis quæ Regi debent hic exnunc, tam de firma Villæ ſuæ, quam ex aliis cauſis quibuſcunque, prætextu mandati Regis ſupradicti. *Hil. Communia 1 Edw. 3. Rot. 9. a. Vide Ryly; Placita Parl. p 259.*

(t) *Burgenſes villæ de Donewyco* debent xiiii l xs ix d per annum de firma villæ ſuæ, Habendæ de Rege & hæredibus Regis a xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis anno xxxi<sup>o</sup> Regis E tercij quamdiu Regi placuerit, vel quouſque ſtatum ipſorum *Burgenſium* dictæ villæ in melius contigerit relevari, Reddendo Regi per annum dictos xiiii l xs ix d tantum ad feſta S Michaelis & Paſchæ æqualiter, Ita quod accreſcente relevatione hujusmodi creſcat dictæ villæ ſolucio cum moderamine ut decet, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xxxix<sup>o</sup> & xxxi<sup>o</sup> dicti Regis E tercij, Et CCxxxii l xii s de annis præteritis. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. a.*

(u) *Burgenſes villæ de Donewyco* r c de CCCC quaterviginti libris vii s x d ob. de firma villæ ſuæ de anno quarto & ejus arreragiis. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. tit. Item Norf. m. 2. b.*

(w) *Norf. Suff. Homines villæ Donewici. Ex Rotulis de Adventu Vicecomitum Ballivorum &c de anno 8 Edw. 4.*

(x) *Firma Burgi, cap. 11. ſect. 1.*

*Burgenſes villæ & Burgi de Dunwico* debent xii l vii s viii d per annum, de feodi firma Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suffolciæ in manu Regis exiſtentis, Habendæ a feſto S Michaelis Archangeli anno xi Regis H ſeptimi, uſque ad finem viginti annorum proximo ſequentium & plenarie complendorum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum xii l vii s viii d, ad feſta Paſchæ & S Michaelis Archangeli per æquales portiones, per certam manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Regis inventam, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xxi<sup>o</sup> in Reſid[uo] *Norfolciæ*, & in Originali de anno xxi<sup>o</sup> Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup>; In Theſauro liberaverunt xxviii<sup>o</sup> die Januarii anno xi<sup>o</sup> pro Hoſpicio Regis; Et quieti ſunt. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. b.*

(y) *Villata de Gernemue* [debet] Lxix l & xv s & viii d, pro blado miſſo in *Flandriam*. *Mag. Rot. 7 Job. Rot. 20. a.*

(z) *Hiſt. Exch. p 295 col. 2. g.*

(a) *Homines de Gernemuth* [debent] Lv l de firma villæ ſuæ. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 3. b. Norf. & Suff.*



CHAP. *genses de Gernemue* (b); in the Nineteenth year of K Edward I, *Homines de Gernemue* (c); in the Eighteenth year of K Edward II, *Homines Gernem[uthæ]* (d); VI. in the Eleventh year of K Edward III, *Homines Jernemuth[æ]* (e); in the Second year of K Richard II, *Homines de Jernemuth* (f); in the Twelfth year of K Henry IV, *Homines de Jernemuth*, and *Burgenses & probi Homines villæ Magnæ Jernemuthæ* (g); in the Thirteenth year of K Edward IV, *Homines de Jernemuth* (h), and *Burgenses & probi Homines villæ Magnæ Jernemuth[æ]* (i); in the Eleventh year of K Henry VIII, *Homines de Termouth*, *Burgenses & probi Homines Magnæ Termuth*, and *Homines Villæ de Jernemuth* (k). VII.

VII. In the Sixteenth year of K Henry II, the Burgesles or Townsmen of *Shrewsbury* are styled *Burgenses de Salopesberi* (l); In the one and thirtieth year of the same King *Burgenses de Salopesbirie* (m); In the Ninth year of K Richard I, *Burgenses de Salopesbiri* (n); In the Seventh year of K John, *Burgenses de Salopesbiria* (o); In the Nineteenth year of K Edward I, *Homines Salop[ia]* or *Salop[esbiria]* (p); In the Twentieth year of K Edward I, Laurence Benne Tenant in an Affise pleaded, that he had seisin in certain tenements by vertue of a Devise in a Last-Will; and that it was lawful by the Custome of the City of *Shrewsbury* for one who had purchased tenements There to devise them by his Last-Will. The Jury Find, that there was such a Custome in the said City, and that

(b) *Burgenses de Gernemue* r c de xxxl, pro habendis catallis Gilberti le Weider in Gernemue, sicut continetur in Rotulo xlv. *Mag. Rot. 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 19. a. Norf. & Suff.*

(c) *Homines de Gernemue* [debent] xl marcas de rebus venalibus, sicut continetur in Rotulo viii<sup>o</sup>. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.*

(d) *Homines Jernem[uthæ]* r c de Lvl de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo iiii & in Rotulo secundo Regis H; In thesauro xxvl per Johannem Perebroun Edmundum de Gerberge & focios suos ballivos—. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(e) *Homines Jernemuth[æ]* r c de Lvl de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo iiii Regis E patris—. *Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(f) *Homines de Jernemuth* debent Lvl de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E tercii & in Rotulo iiii<sup>o</sup> Regis E filii Regis E, & in Rotulo ii<sup>o</sup> Regis H, Reddendo annuatim ad terminum S Michaelis imperpetuum per Cartam Regis H irrotulatam in Memorandis de anno vii<sup>o</sup> inter Recorda de termino S Hillarii. De quibus iidem Homines respondent in Item Norfolcia. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(g) *Homines de Jernemuth* debent Lvl de firma villæ suæ.

*Burgenses & probi Homines villæ Magnæ Jernemuthæ & eorum hæredes & successores* debent Cs per annum pro quodam loco in alto mari prope introitum villæ prædictæ vocat[ato] Kirkelerode—. De quibus Homines de Jernemutha respondent in Item Norfolcia. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(h) *Homines de Jernemuth* debent Lvl de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E tercii—, Reddendo annuatim ad terminum S Michaelis imperpetuum, per Cartam Regis Johannis, irrotulatam in Memorandis de anno vii<sup>o</sup> inter Recorda de ter-

mino S Hillarii; Et Lvl de anno præterito; Summa, Cxl. *Mag. Rot. 13 Edw. 4. in Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(i) *Burgenses & probi Homines villæ Magnæ Jernemuth[æ] & eorum hæredes & successores* sui debent Cs per annum, pro quodam loco in Alto mari prope Introitum villæ prædictæ vocat[o] Kirkelerode, Habend[o] a xxviii die Novembris anno x<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi imperpetuum, Reddendo ad terminos S Michaelis & Paschæ per æquales portiones, sicut continetur in Rotulo viii<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, Et Cs de anno præterito; Summa, xlv. De quibus Homines de Jernemuth[a] respondent in Item Norf[olcia]. *Mag. Rot. 13 Edw. 4. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(k) *Homines de Yermouth* debent Lvl de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E tercii—.

*Burgenses & probi Homines Magnæ Yermuth & eorum hæredes & successores* sui debent Cs per annum, pro quodam loco in Alto mari prope introitum Villæ prædictæ vocato Kirkelerode—. De quibus Homines Villæ de Jernemuth respondent in Residuum Norfolcia. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 1. a.*

(l) *Hist. Exch. p 274. col. 1. p.*

(m) *Ib. p 228. col. 1. g.*

(n) *Burgenses de Salopesbir[ia]* r c de xxl numero de firma Burgi de Salopesbir[ia], Et de x marcis pro duobus fugatoribus de cimento ejusdem Burgi; In thesauro—, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 10. tit. Salopesbir[a].*

(o) *Hist. Excheq. p 281. col. 1. 2.*

(p) *Homines Salop[esbiria]* r c de xxl de firma villæ suæ, Et de x marcis pro ii fugatoribus de veteri cimento, Et de v marcis de novo cimento; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Salop[esbiria] m. 2. b.*



CHAP. that Laurence had rightful Entry by the Custome of the said City. The Judg- S E C T.  
VI. ment of the Court passed for Laurence. Here the Town of Shrewsbury is styled VII.

*Civitas Salopia* or *Salopesbiria* (q). In the same Twentieth year of K Edward I, the Townsmen of Shrewsbury are charged to the Crown in the *Great Roll* of the Exchequer for the yearly Rent of their Town by the Name of *Homines Salop[ia]* or *Salop[esbiria]* (r). In the Twentyninth year of K Edward I, the Kings Burgeses of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop, by the name of *Communitas ville Regis Salopia*, impleaded *Walter de Hopton* in the Court of Kings Bench, in an action of Trespass (s). In the same Twentyninth year, the Town of Shrewsbury standeth Charged to the Crown in the *Great-Roll* of the Exchequer, for the Ferme of their Town, by the Name of *Homines Salop[ia]* or *Salop[esbiria]* (t); In the Eighteenth year of K Edward II, by the name of *Homines Salop.* (u); In the Thirteenth year of K Richard II, they are styled *Homines Salopia* (w); In the Reigns of KK Henry IV and Henry VI, *Homines Salopia* (x); In the Second year of

(q) *Affisa venit recognitura si Laurencius Benne Johannes de Hereford —.*

Et Laurentius venit. Et Johannes & alii non veniunt. Et prædictus Johannes fuit attachiatus per Ranulphum le Toundur & Thomam Paytevyn. Ideo ipsi in misericordia. Et affisa capiatur versus eum per defaultam. Et Thomas & alii non sunt attachiati, eo quod nichil habent &c. Ideo capiatur Affisa versus eos per defaultam.

Et Laurencius respondet ut tenens. Et dicit quod prædicta tenementa fuerunt perquisitum cujusdam Hugonis Selke, qui in testamento suo legavit ipsi Laurentio prædicta tenementa tenenda ad vitam suam, ad celebrandum divina pro anima ipsius Hugonis. Dicit etiam quod licitum est secundum consuetudinem Civitatis Salop[esbiria] perquisitoribus hujusmodi tenementa perquisita legare. Et dicit quod ipse habet ingressum in prædictis tenementis per prædictum testamentum, & non per disseysinam ipsi Mabilia factam. Et de hoc ponit se super Affisam. *The Jury Find that Hugh secundum consuetudinem prædictæ Civitatis in testamento suo legavit prædicto Laurentio —, and that Laurence entered therein per prædictum testamentum, sicut ei bene licuit per consuetudinem prædictæ Civitatis —.* Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Laurencius & alii inde sine die —. *Mich. Plac. de Juratis & Affisis in Com. Salop. 20 Edw. 1. Rot. 33. a.*

(r) *Homines Salop. reddunt compotum de xxl de firma villæ suæ, Et de x marcis pro ii fugator[ibus] de veteri cremento; & de v marcis de novo cremento; In thesauro liberaverunt; Et quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. 20 Edw. 1. tit. Salop. m. 1. a.*

(s) *Salop[escira].* *Communitas villæ Regis Salopia optulit se iii<sup>o</sup> die versus Walterum de Hopton, de placito quare cum, secundum legem & consuetudinem regni Regis nunc, Homines de eodem regno licet Nativi alicujus fuerint, postquam in Dominico Regis per unum annum & unum diem quiete manserunt, in eodem Dominico morari & manere pacifice [possint] quamdiu voluerint absque impedimento cujuscumque; Ac Rogerus Brun Burgenfis Regis Salopia infra Libertatem ejusdem villæ Regis per decennium & ampli-*

us quiete manserit ut dicitur; idem Walterus clamans ipsum Rogerum Nativum suum, & libertatem prædictam nuper violenter ingrediens, eundem Rogerum contra consuetudinem prædictam vi & armis cepit, & extra Libertatem illam usque Hopton abduxit, & ipsum ibidem inprisonavit, In Regis contemptum, & prædictæ Communitatis dampnum Centum librarum, ac Libertatis Regis prædictæ læsionem manifestam, & contra pacem &c. Et ipse non venit. Et præceptum fuit Vicecomiti sicut pluries quod attach[iet] eum —, quod sit coram Rege a die Paschæ in xv dies ubicumque &c. Et sciat Vicecomes &c. *Plac. coram Rege, Hil. 29 Edw. 1. Rot. 34. a.*

(t) *Homines Salop. reddunt compotum de xxl de firma villæ suæ, Et de xl de veteri cremento pro ii fugator[ibus], Et de v marcis de novo cremento; In thesauro liberaverunt per iii tallias, Et quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. 29 Edw. 1. tit. Salop. m. 1. a.*

(u) *Homines Salop[esbiria] r c de xxl de firma villæ suæ, Et x marcis de veteri cremento, sicut continetur in Rotulo ix Regis Ricardi. Et v marcis de novo cremento sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis J; summa xxxl. Et respondent in Item Staff. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Salopescire, m. 1. a.*

(w) *Homines Salop[ia] debent xxl de firma villæ suæ, Et x marcas de veteri cremento sicut continetur in Rotulo ix Regis Ricardi, Et v marcas de novo cremento sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis J. Summa xxxl.*

*Homines de Bruges debent x marcas de firma villæ suæ —. Burgenfes de Bruges debent xl de firma Molendinorum de Pendlestone —. De quibus Homines de Bruges respondent in dorso Rotuli. Mag. Rot. 13 Ric. 2. m. 1. a. tit. Salopia.*

(x) *Homines de Bruges debent x marcas de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo ix Regis Ricardi primi.*

*Burgenfes de Bruges debent xl de firma Molendinorum de Pendlestone, sicut continetur in Rotulo xiii Regis H tercii. De quibus Homines de Bruges respondent in dorso Rotuli.*

*Homines Salop[ia] debent xxxl per annum, videlicet xxl de firma villæ suæ, & x marcas de veteri incremento sicut continetur in*



CHAP. of K Henry VII *Homines villæ Salopiæ* (y); and in the Eleventh year of K Hen- S E C T.  
VI. ry VIII, *Homines Salop[ia]* (z). VIII.

VIII. The Men of Grymesby in Lincolnshire were styled *Communa* or *Communitas de Grimesby*, *Homines de Grymesby* or *Burgenses de Grymesby* (a). They had the like Denomination in the reign of K Richard II (b), K Henry IV (c), and K Henry VI (d). In the Nineteenth year of K Edward I, the Townsmen of Grymmesby in Lincolnshire, by the Name of *Communitas villæ de Grymmesby*, brought an action against *Walter de Seleby* and others in the Court of Kings Bench (e). In the same Nineteenth year of K Edward I, the Townsmen of  
*Grymmesby*

in Rotulo ix Regis Ricardi primi, & v marcas de novo incremento sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis J. De quibus iidem Homines r in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. tit. Salop. m. 1. a.*

Burgenses de Bruges debent xl de firma molendinorum de Pendeleston, sicut continetur in Rotulo xiii Regis Henrici tercii. De quibus respondent in dorso Rotuli.

Homines de Bruges debent x marcas de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo nono Regis Ricardi primi. Et quieti sunt.

Homines Salop[ia] debent xxxl per annum, videlicet xxl de firma villæ suæ, & x marcas de veteri incremento sicut continetur—, & v marcas de novo incremento sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis J—. Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. tit. Salopia. m. 1. a.*

(y) Salop[escira]. De Hominibus villæ Salopiæ exonerandis de x marcis parcella xxxl per annum de firma villæ suæ prætextu Literarum Regis patentium. *Hil. Communia 2 Hen. 7. Rot. 7.*

(z) Homines Salop[ia] debent xxxl per annum, videlicet xxl de firma villæ suæ, & x marcas de Veteri incremento, sicut continetur in Rotulo nono Regis E primi, & v marcas de Novo incremento, sicut continetur in Rotulo vii Regis J; De quibus iidem Homines respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Salop[ia], m. 1. a.*

(a) Taillagium factum per Ogerum filium Ogeri & Teobaldum de Valeines & Socios suos:— Communa de Grimesbi debet Cs.— Willelmus Capell[anus] de laico tenemento suo debet xs. *Mag. Rot. 1 Job. Rot. 10. b. m. 2. Linc. And Hist. Exch. p 349. col. 2. anno 2. Regis Job.*

Homines de Grimesby reddunt compotum de Ll de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xlo; In th l, & q f. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Lincolnia, m. 1. a.*

Homines de Grymesby debent Ll de feodi firma villæ suæ. *Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Lincolnia, m. 1. a.*

Homines de Grymesby debent Ll de feodi firma villæ suæ; Reddendo ad festum S Michaelis—. Et respondent in Item Lincolnia. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. Rotulo titulato Lincolnia.*

Ballivi villæ de Grymesby debent iis per annum de omnibus vacuis placeis & vastis Regis in Grymesby, Habend[is] a xxiiii die Aprilis anno xvº sibi & successoribus suis Burgen-

sibus villæ prædictæ, de Rege & hæredibus Regis imperpetuum, Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus Regis annuatim ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis dictos iis pro omni servicio ibidem. De quibus Homines de Grymesby respondent in Item Lincolnia. *Ib. m. 2. a.*

(b) Homines de Grymesby debent Ll de feodi firma villæ suæ; Reddendo ad festum Sancti Michaelis—. *Mag. Rot. 13 Ric. 2. m. 1. a. Lincolnia.*

(c) Homines de Grymesby debent Ll de feodi firma villæ suæ, Reddend[as] ad festum Sancti Michaelis, præter xil de decima constituta Canonicis de Grymesby, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E secundi—.

Ballivi villæ de Grymesby debent iis per annum de omnibus vacuis placeis & vastis Regis in Grymesby, habend[is] a xxiiii die Aprilis anno xv sibi & successoribus suis Burgensibus villæ prædictæ, de Rege & hæredibus Regis imperpetuum, sicut continetur in Rotulo xiiii Regis E tercii. De quibus Homines de Grymesby respondent in Item Lincolnia. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. m. 1. a. in Lincolnia.*

(d) Homines de Grymesby debent Ll de feodi firma villæ suæ, Reddendo ad festa S Michaelis præter xil de decima constituta Canonicis de Grymesby sicut continetur—.

Ballivi villæ de Grymesby debent iis per annum de omnibus vacuis placeis & vastis Regis de Grymesby, Habend[is] a xxiiii die Aprilis anno xv sibi & successoribus suis Burgensibus villæ prædictæ de Rege & hæredibus Regis imperpetuum, sicut continetur—. De quibus Homines de Grymesby respondent in Item Lincolnia. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. Linc. m. 1. a.*

(e) Ebor[aciscira]. Walterus filius Ranulphi de Seleby and many others— ad respondendum Communitati villæ de Grymmesby, for hindring the Merchants that would have come to Grymmesby with their Merchandises—, so that they the Community of Grymmesby were thereby disabled to pay their Ferm to the King. It ends in præjudicium Domini Regis & prædictæ Communitatis dampnum ad valenciam Decem mille librarum—. The Writ was insufficient, in that it did not mention that any Merchants would have come to Grymmesby with their merchandises. The Record proceeds, Et prædicta Communitas petit licentiam recedendi de brevi suo; & habet; eo quod in parte tangit Regem &c. *Plac. coram Rege, Pas. 19 Edw. 1. Rot. 37. b.*

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CHAP. Grymmesby stand Charged to the Crown for the Ferm of their Town by the S E C T.  
VI. name of *Homines de Grymesby* (f). IX. X.

IX. In the Twentieth year of K *Edward I*, a Plea of *Quo warranto* was moved before Justices Itinerant in *Lancashire*, between the King and the Burgeses of *Preston*. A writ of *Certiorari* issued, to remove the Plea into the Court of *Kings Bench*. In That writ the Townsmen of *Preston* are styled *Burgenses de Preston in Aundernesse*. In the Court they are styled *Ballivus & Communitas Burgi de Preston*. *Adam* son of *Ralf* and *Robert* son of *Roger* Bailifs, and the other Men of *Preston*, for the Community of the Burgh, do appear and Plead in the Court of *Kings Bench*. The Townsmen Rejoin to the Kings Attorney at law, by the name of *Ballivi & Communitas*. The Judgment of the Court passeth against them by the Name of *Ballivi & Communitas* (g).

X. The Burough or Town of *Bedford* hath in several ages been styled, as followeth: In the Second year of K *Henry III*, *Burgus de Bedeford* and *Villa de Bedeford* (b); in the Eighteenth year of K *Edward II*, *Homines de Bedefordia* (i); in the Third year of K *Edward III*, *Major & Ballivi villa Bedeford[ia]* (k), in

(f) *Homines de Grymesby* reddunt compositum de *Ll* de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xl<sup>o</sup>; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Lincolnia, m. 1. a.*

*Homines de Grimesby* r c de *Ll* de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xl; In th l, Et q f. *Mag. Rot. 20 Edw. 1. tit. Lincolnia, m. 1. a.*

*Homines de Grimesby* r c de *Ll* de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xl; — Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 29 Edw. 1. tit. Lincolnia, m. 1. a.*

(g) *Lancastria*. Dominus Rex mandavit dilecto & fideli suo Hugoni de Cressingham breve suum in hæc verba. *Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ*, dilecto & fideli suo Hugoni de Cressingham salutem. Quia quibusdam certis de causis certiorari volumus, super recordo & processu loquelæ quæ fuit coram vobis & sociis vestris Justiciariis nostris ultimo Itinerantibus in Comitatu *Lancastriæ*, per breve nostrum, inter nos & *Burgenses de Preston* in *Aundernesse*, videlicet *Quo waranto* iidem *Burgenses* clamant habere diversas libertates in villa sua prædicta: Vobis mandamus, quod si iudicium inde redditum sit, tunc recordum illud & processum cum omnibus ea contingentibus distincte & aperte sub sigillo vestro Nobis sine dilatione mittatis, & hoc breve. Teste meipso apud *Westm[onasterium]* xv die Junii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. Prætextu cujus brevis prædictus Hugo mandavit recordum suum in hæc verba.

Placita coram Hugone de Cressingham & sociis suis, Justiciariis Itinerantibus in Comitatu *Lancastriæ*, in octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno regni Regis *E* filii Regis *Henrici* vicesimo.

*Lancastria*. Ballivus † & Communitas Burgi de *Preston* summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum Domino Regi quo waranto clamant habere Liberum Burgum de *Preston*, Mercatum; feriam — *with other franchises, without the Leave of the King and his Progenitours.*

Et *Adam* filius *Radulfi* & *Robertus* filius *Rogeri* de *Preston* Ballivi & alii *Homines* de *Preston*, pro Communitate Burgi, veniunt; & dicunt —; *They Plead on behalf of the Town.*

Et *Willelmus Inge* qui sequitur pro Domino Rege dicit quod —.

Et Ballivi & Communitas dicunt quod —.

Et *Willelmus* dicit pro Domino Rege quod —.

Et Ballivi & Communitas dicunt quod —. *The Judgment is*, Consideratum est quod prædicti Ballivi & Communitas quoad hoc habeantur pro indefens[is]. Et prædictæ Libertates capiantur in manum Domini Regis ad voluntatem ipsius Domini Regis. Et Ballivus & Communitas in misericordia. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod extendi & appreciari faciat prædictas Libertates per sacramentum &c; Et extens[ionem] illam habeat apud *Ebor[acum]* in octabis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ sub sigillo &c. *Plac. coram Rege anno 21, incipiente 22 Edw. 1. Rot. 59. a.*

(b) *Burgus de Bedeford* r c de xli bl[ancis] de firma Burgi. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. b.* *Bukingeham & Bedefordshire.*  
Et in villa de *Beford* xli bl[ancorum]. De quibus *Homines villæ* respondent infra. *Ibid. Rot. 6. b.*

(i) *Homines de Bedefordia* r c de xli bl[ancorum] de firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi, Quæ sunt extensæ ad xlii l numero —. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Bedef. & Buk. m. 1. a.*

(k) — Major tamen & Ballivi nostri dictæ villæ *Bedeford[ia]* redditum illum præfatæ Abbatisse detinent jam de novo —. *Placita coram Baronibus 3 Edw. 3. Rot. 22. a.*

*Bed[fordshire]*. Abbatisa de *Elnestowe* optulit se quarto die versus *Simonem Kullebere* Majorem Villæ *Bedeford[ia]*, *Ricardum Sturthop* & *Aspelonem le Cook* Ballivos dictæ Villæ *Bedeford[ia]*, de placito quare iidem Major & Ballivi quendam redditum videlicet tertium denarium de redditu dictæ Villæ, quem dicta Abbatisa & prædecessores suæ perci-

† In the Record this word is sometimes written Ballivus and sometimes Ballivi.



CHAP. in the Fifth year of K Edward III, *Burgenses villa Bedefordie* (l), in the eighth year of K Edward III, *Homines Bedfordie* (m), in the Second (n) and Thirteenth year of K Richard II (o), in the eighth year of K Henry IV (p), and the Sixteenth year of K Henry VI, *Homines Bedfordie* (q).

SECT. XI.

XI. The Town of Southampton hath been named Variously: In the Second year of K Henry II, *Hantona* and *Hantonia* (r), In the Twentyscond year of K Henry II, *Hantona* (s), In the twentyfifth year of K Henry II, *Sudhantona* (ss), In the Thirtieth year of K Henry II, *Hantona* and *Sudhantona* (t), In the Tenth year of K Richard I, *Homines de Sudhantona* (u), In the second year of K John, *Burgenses de Suthanton* and *Burgenses de Hamton* (w), In the Fifth year of K John, *Homines de Sudhantone* (x), In the Tenth year of K John, *Burgenses de Suthamtonia* (y), In the Second year of K Henry III, *Homines de Subamton* (yy), In the Thirtieth year of K Henry III, *Communa villa Sudhamtonie* (z), In the Fortyfifth year of K Henry III, *Homines* and *Burgenses de Suthamtonia*, and *Burgus Suthamtonia* (a); In fine, *Homines villa Suthamtonie*, or *Subamtonia*, in the Thirtysecond year of

percipere & habere consueverunt, eidem Abbatissæ detinent &c. Et prædicti Simon & Aspelon veniunt, & dicunt quod ipsi non possunt respondere sine dicto Ricardo qui modo non venit. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod ipsum Ricardum distringat per terras &c, Ita &c a die Paschæ in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est dictis Simoni & Aspeloni. Ad quem diem prædicta Abbatisa venit. Et prædicti Simon & Aspelon non venerunt. Ideo ipsi in misericordia. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod ipsos distringat per terras & catalla &c, & prædictum Ricardum similiter qui fecit defaultam ad hunc diem prout patet per breviam &c, Ita &c a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. *Placita coram Baronibus 3 Edw. 3. Rot. 9. b.*

(l) *Burgenses villæ Regis Bedefordie* finem fecerunt cum Rege per quadraginta solidos, pro habenda Restitutione Majoritatis dictæ villæ, & quarundam aliarum libertatum quas iidem *Burgenses* habuerunt in eadem villa, & quæ in itinere Roberti de Arderne & sociorum suorum nuper Justiciariorum itinerantium in Comitatu Bed[efordie], per considerationem Curie Regis, capta fuerunt in manum Regis; Teste Rege apud Westm. viii die Octobris. *Originale 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 45.*

(m) *Homines Bedfordie* debent xlii l numero pro xli bl[ancorum] per annum pro feodi firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo—, Et Lxxiiii l de annis præteritis; Summa, Cxvii l; De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. Bed. Buk.*

(n) *Homines Bedfordie* debent xlii l numero pro xli bl[ancis] per annum de feodi firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo & xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi primi. De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Bed. Buk. m. 1. a.*

(o) *Homines Bed[fordie]* debent xlii l numero pro xli bl[ancorum] de feodi firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo & in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi primi. *Mag. Rot. 13 Ric. 2. tit. Bed. Buk. m. 1. a.*

(p) *Homines Bed[fordie]* debent xlii l numero pro xli bl[ancorum] per annum, de feodi firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo & in Rotulo xvi Regis E tercii, Et in Rotulo secundo Regis E primi. De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in Residuum Bed. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. m. 1. a. Bed. Buk.*

(q) *Homines Bed[fordie]* debent xlii l numero pro xli bl[ancorum] per annum, de feodi firma Burgi sui, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis H quinti—. De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. Bed. Buk. m. 1. a.*

(r) *Hist. Exch. p 226. col. 2. f.*

(s) Robertus de Sancto Laurentio r c de Veteri firma de Hantona. *Mag. Rot. 22 Hen. 2. Rot. 13. b.*

(ss) *Sudhantona*. Cecilia uxor Roberti de Sancto Laurentio reddit compotum de CC l bl[ancis], de firma de *Sudhantona*. In Thesauro Lxxiiii l—. *Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. a. m. 2.*

(t) *Hist. Exch. p 227. col. 2. w.*

(u) Idem *Homines* [de *Sudhantona*] r c de xli & vs & viii d, de perquisit[ionibus] portus maris de *Sudhantona*; In th l, Et Q f. *Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 2. a. in imo. Sudhantescira.*

(w) *Hist. Exch. p 277. col. 1. l.*

(x) *Ib. p 228. col. 1. f.*

(y) *Ib. p 282. col. 2. a.*

(yy) Compotus villæ de *Suhamton* de anno xvii Regis Johannis. *Homines* de *Suhamton*, Ricardus de Leircestria pro eis, r c de CC l de firma villæ: In Thesauro nichil: Et in decimis constitutis Monachis de Lyra, ix l & v solidos. — Et pro Lviii tonellis vini Francefii, & Gasconienfis, & Andeg[avenfis], & ii tonellis Autifidor[ensis], de prisâ, captis ad opus Regis, Lx l & i marca, per breve Regis, & per visum Roberti Hardwin: Et pro tribus tonellis vini emptis ad opus Regis, & missis apud Rading[am], iiiii l & xviii s & i d & ob., per breve Regis. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot. 2. a. m. 2.*

(z) *Hist. Exch. p 395. col. 1. q.*

(a) *Homines* de *Suth[amtonia]* r c de CC l de



CHAP. of K *Edward I* (b), in the Twelfth (c), and Thirtieth year of K *Edward III* (d), S E C T. VI. in the Second year of K *Richard II* (e), and the Eighth year of K *Henry IV* (f). XII.

XII. The Town of *Gloucester* hath been styled Variously: In the Twenty-second year of K *Henry II*, *Burgus de Glocestria* (g), In the Sixth and Seventh years of K *Richard I*, in the reign of K *John*, in some years of K *Henry III*, and in the Nineteenth year of K *Edward II*, *Burgenses Gloucestræ*, *Villa Gloucestræ*, and *Ballivi Probi homines & Communitas Villæ Gloucestræ* (h), In the Fourteenth year

de firma villæ suæ—. *Mag. Rot.* 46 *Hen.* 3. tit. *Suthamtonia*, m. 1. b.

*Burgenses* de *Suthamton* [debent] *Lii* pro *Bon[ifacio]* de *Sancto Laurentio*, sicut continetur in *Rotulo xl.* *Communa villæ Suth[amtoniæ]* debet *xiii l & i marcam*, pro subtractione plurium consuetudinum, sicut continetur in *Rotulo xxx.* *Burgus de Suth[amtonia]* debet *xlii l xix s & iiii d*, de duobus tallagiis. *Ib.* m. 2. a.

*Civitas Wintonia* r c de *L. marcis & v s* de tallagio. *Burgus Suth[amtonia]* debet *C marcas* de eodem. *Ib.* m. 2. b.

(b) *Homines Villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *CC l* de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in *Rotulo xix & in Rotulo xii*—. *Mag. Rot.* 32 *Edw.* 1. tit. *Suthamtonia*, m. 2. a.

(c) *Homines Villæ Suthamtoniæ* [debent] *CC l*, de firma & cumento villæ suæ, præter elemofinas constitutas—. *Mag. Rot.* 12 *Edw.* 3. in *Suthamptonia*, m. 2. a.

(d) *Homines Villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *CC l xix s viii d*, de firma & cumento villæ suæ, præter elemofynas constitutas—. *Mag. Rot.* 30 *Edw.* 3. in *Suthamtonia*, m. 2. a.

(e) *Homines villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *i marcam* per annum, quam *Milites de Templo* percipere consueverunt de eisdem *Homines* de firma dictæ villæ de elemof[yn]a constituta, sicut continetur in *Rotulo xviº & xiº & quinto Regis E. filii Regis E.* De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in *Item Suthamt[esire]*.

*Ballivi villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *iii s vi d* de minutis redditibus, sicut continetur in *Rotulo quinto*, & in *Rotulo xiiiº Regis E. filii Regis E.*, & in *Rotulo xiº Regis E. filii Regis H.* De quibus *Homines Suthamt[on]iæ* respondent in *Item Suthamt[esire]*.

*Homines villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *CC l xix s viii d* de firma & cumento villæ suæ præter elemof[inas] constitutas, sicut continetur in *Rotulo vº*, & in *Rotulo xiiiº & xiº Regis E. filii Regis E.*, & in *Rotulo xiiº Regis E. filii Regis H.* De quibus iidem *Homines* respondent in *Item Suthamt[esire]*. *Mag. Rot.* 2 *Ric.* 2. *Suthamt.* m. 2. a.

(f) *Homines villæ Suthamtoniæ* debent *CC l xix s viii d* de firma & incremento villæ suæ, præter elemofinas constitutas, sicut continetur in *Rotulo v xiiii & xi Regis E. secundi*—. *Mag. Rot.* 8 *Hen.* 4. tit. *Suthamt[esire]* m. 1. a.

(g) *Osmundus Præpositus reddit* compotum de *Lv l Bl[ancis]*, de firma *Burgi de Glocestria*. *Mag. Rot.* 22 *Hen.* 2. *Rot.* 9. a. *Glocestrescira*.

*Hist. Exch.* p 226. col. 2. g. sub anno 16 *Hen.* 2.

(h) De *Scrutinio facto de firmis villæ Gloucestræ*.

*Exactis super compotum . . Vicecomitis Gloucestræ Lii s de Burgensibus Villæ Gloucestræ*, de firma *purpresturæ Villæ Gloucestræ*, *Ricardus de Bradenestoke Ballivus ejusdem Villæ* respondet se solvisse firmam prædictam *Edmundo Comiti Kancie fratri Regis*, per *Literas Regis patentes de Magno Sigillo* quas ostendit in hæc verba. *Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitanniæ*, dilectis sibi *Ballivis probis hominibus & toti Communitati Villæ suæ Gloucestræ*, salutem. Cum per *Literas nostras patentes dederimus & concesserimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris*, dilecto & fideli nostro *Edmundo de Wodestok fratri nostro carissimo*, *Castrum nostrum Glouc[estriæ] cum Bertona & Tyna*, necnon & firmam *Villæ Glouc[estriæ]*, cum pertinentiis, *Habenda ad totam vitam suam*, prout in *Literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur*. Vobis mandamus, quod eidem *Edmundo vel ejus Attornato* in hac parte de firma vestra *Villæ prædictæ* intendentes sitis & respondentes, sicut prædictum est. Volumus enim vos inde erga nos exnunc ad *Scaccarium nostrum* exonerari. Teste meipso apud *Westm[onasterium]* xiiº die *Maii* anno regni nostri quartodecimo. Per breve de privato Sigillo. Et quæsitum est a prædicto *Ballivo* ad quantum se extendit firma *Villæ prædictæ* per annum, quam solvunt prædicto *Comiti*, & quid dicti *Burgenses* habent pro se tenendi dictam *Villam* ad firmam de *Domino Rege*, dicit quod prædicti *Burgenses* tenent *Villam prædictam* pro *Lxv l* per annum, infra quam summam *Lxv l* prædicta firma *Lii s* continetur, per *Cartam Regis Havi Regis nunc*, quam modo ostendit in hæc verba. *Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ, Dux Normanniæ Aquitanniæ & Comes Andeg[aviæ]*, *Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Forestariis Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis*, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse & hac *Carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus nostris Glocestriæ*, totum *Burgum Glocestriæ* cum pertinentiis, tenendum de nobis & hæredibus nostris imperpetuum ad firmam; Reddendo per annum *quingenta & quinque libras esterlingorum*, sicut eas solebant reddere, & *decem libras numero de incremento firmæ*, ad *Scaccarium nostrum* in *Termino Paschæ & in Termino Sancti Michaelis*. Concessimus



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VI.

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simus etiam Burgenſibus noſtris Gloeceftriæ de Gilda Mercatorum, quod nullus eorum placitet extra muros Burgi Gloeceftriæ de ullo placito, præter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis monetariis & Miniſtris noſtris. Conceſſimus etiam eis, quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, & quod de placitis ad Coronam noſtram pertinentibus ſe poſſint diſrationare ſecundum antiquam conſuetudinem Burgi. Hoc etiam eis conceſſimus, quod omnes Burgenſes Gloeceftriæ de Gilda Mercatorum ſint quieti de theolonio & leſtagio & pontagio & ſtallagio, in feria & extra, & per portus maris omnium terrarum noſtrarum citra mare & ultra mare, Salvis in omnibus libertatibus Civitatis Londoniæ; & quod nullus de miſericordia pecuniæ judicetur, niſi ſecundum antiquam legem Burgi quam habuerunt tempore antecellorum noſtrorum, & quod terras ſuas & tenuras & vadimonia & debita omnia juſte habeant quicumque eis debeat, & de terris ſuis & tenuris quæ infra Burgum ſunt, rectum eis teneatur ſecundum conſuetudinem Burgi, & de omnibus debitis ſuis quæ accomodata fuerunt apud Gloeceftriā, & vadimoniis ibidem factis, placita apud Gloeceftriā teneantur, & ſi quis in tota terra noſtra theolonium vel conſuetudinem ab hominibus Gloeceftriæ de gilda Mercatorum ceperit, poſtquam ipſe a recto defecerit, Vicecomes Gloeceftriæ vel Præpoſitus Gloeceftriæ namium inde apud Gloeceftriā capiat, Salvis in omnibus libertatibus Civitatis Londoniæ. Inſuper etiam, ad emendandum Burgum, eis conceſſimus, quod omnes ſint quieti de Gyerſgyever & de ſcotal, ſi Vicecomes noſter vel aliquis alius Ballivus ſcotal faciat. Has prædictas conſuetudines eis concedimus, & omnes alias libertates & liberas conſuetudines quas habuerunt temporibus antecellorum noſtrorum, quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt; & ſi aliquæ conſuetudines injuſte levatæ fuerunt in guerra, caſſatæ ſint. Et quicumque pecierint Burgum Gloeceftriæ cum mercato ſuo, de quocumque loco ſint ſive extranei ſive alii, veniant morentur & recedant in ſalva pace noſtra, reddendo rectas conſuetudines, & nemo eos diſturbet ſuper hanc cartam noſtram. Et prohibemus ne quis injuriam inde vel dampnum vel moleſtiam eis faciat, ſuper foriſfacturam noſtram decem librarum. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, quod prædicti Burgenſes & eorum hæredes hæc omnia prædicta hæreditarie habeant & teneant, de nobis & hæredibus noſtris, bene & in pace, libere quiete & honorifice, ſicut ſuperius ſcriptum eſt. Volumus etiam & concedimus, quod iidem Burgenſes noſtri Gloeceftriæ per commune Conſilium Burgi eligant duos de legalioribus & diſcretioribus Burgenſibus Gloeceftriæ, & præſentent illos Capitali Juſticiario noſtro apud Weſtm[onaſterium], qui duo vel alter eorum bene & fideliter cuſtodiant præpoſituram Burgi, & non amoveantur quamdiu ſe in balliva ſua bene geſſerint, niſi per commune Conſilium Burgi. Volumus etiam, quod in eodem Burgo Gloeceftriæ, per commune Conſilium Burgenſium, eligantur quatuor de legalioribus &

diſcretioribus Burgi, ad cuſtodendum placita Coronæ & alia quæ ad nos & Coronam noſtram pertinent in eodem Burgo, & ad videndum quod præpoſiti illius Burgi juſte & legitime tractent tam pauperes quam divites, ſicut carta Domini Johannis Regis Patris noſtri quam inde habent rationabiliter teſtatur. Conceſſimus etiam eiſdem Burgenſibus Gloeceftriæ, quod nullus Vicecomitem noſtrorum in aliquo ſe intromittat ſuper eos, de aliquo placito vel querela vel occasione, vel aliqua re alia ad prædictum Burgum pertinente, Salvis nobis & hæredibus noſtris imperpetuum placitis Coronæ noſtræ, quæ attachiari debent per eoſdem Burgenſes noſtros uſque ad adventum Juſticiariorum noſtrorum, ſicut prædictum eſt. Conceſſimus etiam eiſdem, quod ſi aliquis nativus alicujus in prædicto Burgo manſerit & etiam in eo ſe tenuerit, & fuerit in gilda mercatoria & Hanſa, & Loth & Scot cum eiſdem Burgenſibus noſtris per unum annum & unum diem ſine calumpnia, deinceps non poſſit repeti a Domino ſuo, ſet in eodem Burgo liber permaneat. Hiis teſtibus, Dominis Waltero Archiepiſcopo Ebor[acenſi] Waltero Karleolenſi Epicoſcopo, Huberto de Burgo Comite Kanciæ Juſticiario noſtro, W Comite Warenn[æ], Oſberto Gyffard, Radulfo filio Nicholai, & Ricardo de Argenten Senefcallis noſtris, Henrico de Capella, Johanne de Baſſyngburn, & aliis. Data per manus Venerabilis Patris Radulfi Cyceſtr[enſis] Epicoſcopi Cancellarii noſtri apud Weſtm[onaſterium], vi<sup>to</sup> die Aprilis anno regni noſtri undecimo. Et quia per eandem Cartam patet quod Dominus Rex H conceſſit Burgenſibus Glouceſtriæ ipſum Burgum Glouceſtriæ, tenendum imperpetuum ad firmam, Reddendo inde per annum ad Scaccarium quinquaginta & quinque libras eſterlyngorum, ſicut eas ſolebant reddere, & decem libras numero de incremento firmæ, & in Rotulis annalibus moderni temporis exiguntur de Burgenſibus Glouceſtriæ tantummodo firmæ ſubſcriptæ, videlicet L/ bl[ancorum] de firma Glouc[eftriæ], xl de cremento eiſdem Burgi, & Liiſ de purpreſtura eiſdem Villæ, propter diſcrepanciam exactionis huiusmodi ab exactione faciendâ prætextu tenoris Cartæ prædictæ, ſcrutati ſunt rotuli tam de tempore præcedente datam dictæ Cartæ, quam de tempore ſequenti, & compertum eſt quod ante annum ſextum Regis Ricardi Burgus Glouc[eftriæ] fuit de corpore Comitatus Glouceſtriæ, & reſponſum eſt per annum de L/ bl[ancorum] de firma, & Cs bl[ancorum] de cremento firmæ; Et in compoto Vicecomitis Glouc[eftriæ] de eodem anno vi<sup>to</sup> Regis Ricardi, Herbertus filius Herberti Vicecomes de ultimo dimidio eodem anno ſexto, inter allocationes de terris datis, habet allocationem hoc modo. Et in Glouceſtria xxv l bl[ancorum], de quibus Burgenſes eiſdem Villæ debent reſpondere.

Et ſubſequenter in eodem compoto eadem firma exigitur de ipſis Burgenſibus ſub hac forma. Burgenſes Glouceſtriæ r[eddunt] compotum de xxv l bl[ancorum], de firma Burgi Glouc[eftriæ] de dimidio anno, In theſauro



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lib[erant], Et quieti sunt. Iidem Burgen-  
ses redd[unt] compotum de Ls bl[ancorum]  
de veteri cumento ejusdem Burgi de dimidio  
anno, In thesauro lib[erant], Et quieti sunt.  
Iidem Burgenfes r[eddunt] compotum de Cs  
de novo cumento ejusdem Burgi facto per eos-  
dem de dimidio anno, In thesauro lib[erant],  
Et quieti sunt. Et in anno sequenti  
videlicet in Rotulo vii<sup>o</sup> ejusdem Regis Ricardi  
continetur, quod iidem Burgenfes Glouc[estriae]  
r[eddiderunt] compotum de L/ bl[ancorum]  
de firma Burgi Gloucestr[ia] & lib[eraverunt]  
in thesauro; Et de Cs bl[ancorum]  
de veteri cumento ejusdem Burgi, & lib[eraverunt]  
in thesauro; Et x/ numero de novo  
incremento ejusdem Burgi, & lib[eraverunt]  
in thesauro; Et consimili modo iidem Bur-  
genfes r[eddiderunt] compotum de eisdem fir-  
mis annuatim usque annum decimum Regis H  
filii Regis J. Et in Rotulo de eodem anno  
decimo, & deinceps in Rotulis sequentibus,  
iidem Burgenfes Glouc[estriae] redd[iderunt]  
compotum de prae dictis duabus firmis, vide-  
licet L/ bl[ancorum] & x/ numero, prae di-  
cta tertia firma de Cs bl[ancorum] de veteri  
cumento omnino omissa ab anno nono dicti  
Regis H. Super quo scrutinio & deliberatio-  
ne habita, quia compertum est quod ante da-  
tam dictae Cartae dicti Burgenfes redd[iderunt]  
per annum Lv/ bl[ancorum] de firma  
prae dicta, videlicet L/ bl[ancorum] de fir-  
ma, & Cs bl[ancorum] de veteri cumento  
ejusdem firmæ, & x/ de novo cumento ejus-  
dem Burgi, nec invenitur alicubi aliqua men-  
tio quare exactio dictorum Cs bl[ancorum]  
de veteri cumento debuisset cessare vel omit-  
ti, set liquet manifeste quod illa omissio fuit  
per incuriam scriptoris in dicto Rotulo x<sup>o</sup> Re-  
gis H, nec deinceps reperitur quod ipsa firma  
fuit soluta vel exacta; Et ideo consideratum  
est, quod eadem firma de Cs bl[ancorum]  
inferatur nunc in Magno Rotulo, & exigatur  
annuatim simul cum dictis L/ bl[ancorum]  
& x/ numero, & similiter quod arreragia eo-  
rundem Cs annuorum a dicto anno nono Re-  
gis H requirantur, quorum quidem arreragio-  
rum summa est CCCC quater xx, xv/ bl[ancorum],  
qui extenduntur ad Dxix/ xvs numero,  
videlicet de anno decimo Regis H & quater xx  
xviii annis sequentibus, anno xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis hujus  
pro ultimo computato. Quia etiam comper-  
tum est per scrutinium Rotulorum ex causa  
prae dicta, quod annuatim ab anno iiii<sup>o</sup> dicti  
Regis Ricardi dicti Burgenfes Glouc[estriae]  
redd[iderunt] Regi iis ut possint emere & ven-  
dere in Gildhalda sua ad emendationem Bur-  
gi, usque annum vicesimum dicti Regis H,  
in quo anno fit omissio inde per incuriam  
scriptoris, concordatum est similiter quod ii-  
dem iis exnunc requirantur modo quo prius  
requirebantur & soluti fuerant, una cum arre-  
ragiis ejusdem redditus, unde summa est viii/  
xviii s, videlicet de dicto anno xx<sup>o</sup> Regis H &  
annis sequentibus, dicto anno xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc  
pro ultimo computato. Quia insuper com-  
pertum est quod prae dicta firma de Lii s de  
purprestura oriebatur postquam dicti Burgen-  
fes reddiderunt Regi Lv/ bl[ancorum] & x/  
numero per annum, & ante datam dictae Car-

tæ, & etiam eadem firma Lii s soluta fuit an-  
nuatim per dictos Burgenfes post datam ejus-  
dem Cartæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo x<sup>o</sup> &  
xi<sup>o</sup> Regis H tertii & annis sequentibus, liquet  
manifeste quod iidem Lii s annui non continen-  
tur infra dictam summam Lv/ per annum, ut  
dictus Ballivus Glouc[estriae] asserit sicut su-  
perius continetur, dictum est eidem Ballivo  
quod satisfactorius est de eisdem Lii s annuis,  
præter alias firmas prae dictas. Postea prae di-  
cta firma Cs bl[ancorum] cum arreragiis e-  
jusdem, & prae dicta firma de iis cum arrera-  
giis ejusdem inferuntur in Rotulo xviii<sup>o</sup> in  
Gloucestr[ia].

Postea videlicet in Octabis Purificationis  
beatæ Mariæ anno sexto Regis & filii Regis  
hujus, super compotum Vicecomitis Glouc[estriae],  
venerunt hic Ricardus de Bromshulf  
Thomas Crok & Johannes de Marole, Bur-  
genfes dictæ Villæ Glouc[estriae], & queruntur  
de eo quod quædam firma Cs jam de novo  
exigitur per Summonitionem de Scaccario de  
Burgenfibus Gloucestr[ia] ultra Lv/ de anti-  
qua firma & x/ de incremento, per quas fir-  
mas de Lv/ & x/ de incremento dicunt se  
& antecessores suos tenuisse dictum Burgum a  
tempore quo Rex Ricardus . . tunc Burgenfi-  
bus dicti Burgi concessit eundem Burgum, te-  
nendum per easdem firmas, absque eo quod  
aliqua alia firma exacta fuisset ab eis pro eo-  
dem Burgo. Et super concessione dicti Regis  
Ricardi de prae dicto Burgo dictis Burgenfibus  
dimisso ad firmam prae dictam, ostendunt Car-  
tam ejusdem Regis Ricardi in hæc verba.  
Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dux Nor-  
manniæ & Aquitaniæ, Comes And[egaviæ],  
Archiepiscopus Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus  
Baronibus, Justiciariis Vicecomitibus & om-  
nibus fidelibus suis totius Angliæ Francis  
& Anglicis, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse  
& hac Carta nostra confirmasse . . Burgenfi-  
bus nostris Glocestr[ia] totum Burgum de  
Gloce[estria] cum pertinentiis, tenendum de  
nobis & hæredibus nostris imperpetuum ad fir-  
mam, Reddendo per annum quinquaginta &  
quinque libras esterling[orum], sicut eas sole-  
bant reddere, & decem libras de incremento fir-  
mæ ad compotum, ad Scaccarium nostrum in  
Termino Paschæ & in Termino Sancti Micha-  
elis. Concessimus etiam eis easdem consuetudines  
& libertates per totam terram nostram de the-  
oloneo & de omnibus aliis rebus, quas unquam  
meliores habuerunt Cives London[ia] & illi  
de Wynton[ia] tempore Regis H avi Patris  
nostri. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipi-  
mus, quod prae dicti Burgenfes nostri omnes il-  
las libertates & liberas consuetudines & quie-  
tancias plenarie habeant, sicut Carta Patris  
nostri Regis H testatur. Et prohibemus ne  
quis injuriam inde vel dampnum vel molesti-  
am eis faciat, super forisfacturam nostram de-  
cem librarum. Testibus Willelmo de Sanctæ  
Mariæ Ecclesia, Gaufrido filio Petri, Rober-  
to filio Rogeri, Roberto de Tresgoz. Data  
per manum Willelmi de Longo Campo Elien-  
[sis] Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Portes-  
m[uth], vi<sup>o</sup> die Maii regni nostri anno quin-  
to. Et petunt quod solutis Domino Regi præ-  
dictis Lv/ de veteri firma, & dictis x/ de in-  
cremento

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CHAP. year of K Henry III, *Villata Gloverniæ (i)*, In the Eighteenth year of K Ed- S E C T.  
VI. ward I, *Villa Gloucestriæ (k)*, In the Twelfth year of K Edward IV, *Villa Glou-* XII.  
cestriæ, and *Ballivi & Communitas Villæ Gloucestriæ (l)*.

After the manner above mentioned the several Cities and Towns were Charged in the Kings Rolls. And the *Summonces* and other Writs which issued out of the Exchequer, to levy and to do execution from time to time *pro commodo Regis*, were grounded upon the *Charge* entred in the Kings Rolls, and were wont to be made-forth pursuant and conformable thereunto. Hitherto I have spoken concerning the Likeness there was between Towns Corporate and Towns not-corporate in five particulars, namely, As to Succession, Holding at ferm, Paying Common Duties, Manner of Answering, and Denomination.

cremento firmæ, exactio ab eisdem Burgen-  
sibus facta de alia firma Regi reddenda de eo-  
dem Burgo cesset, & ipsi inde quieti esse  
permittantur. *Hil. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot.*  
*41. a.*

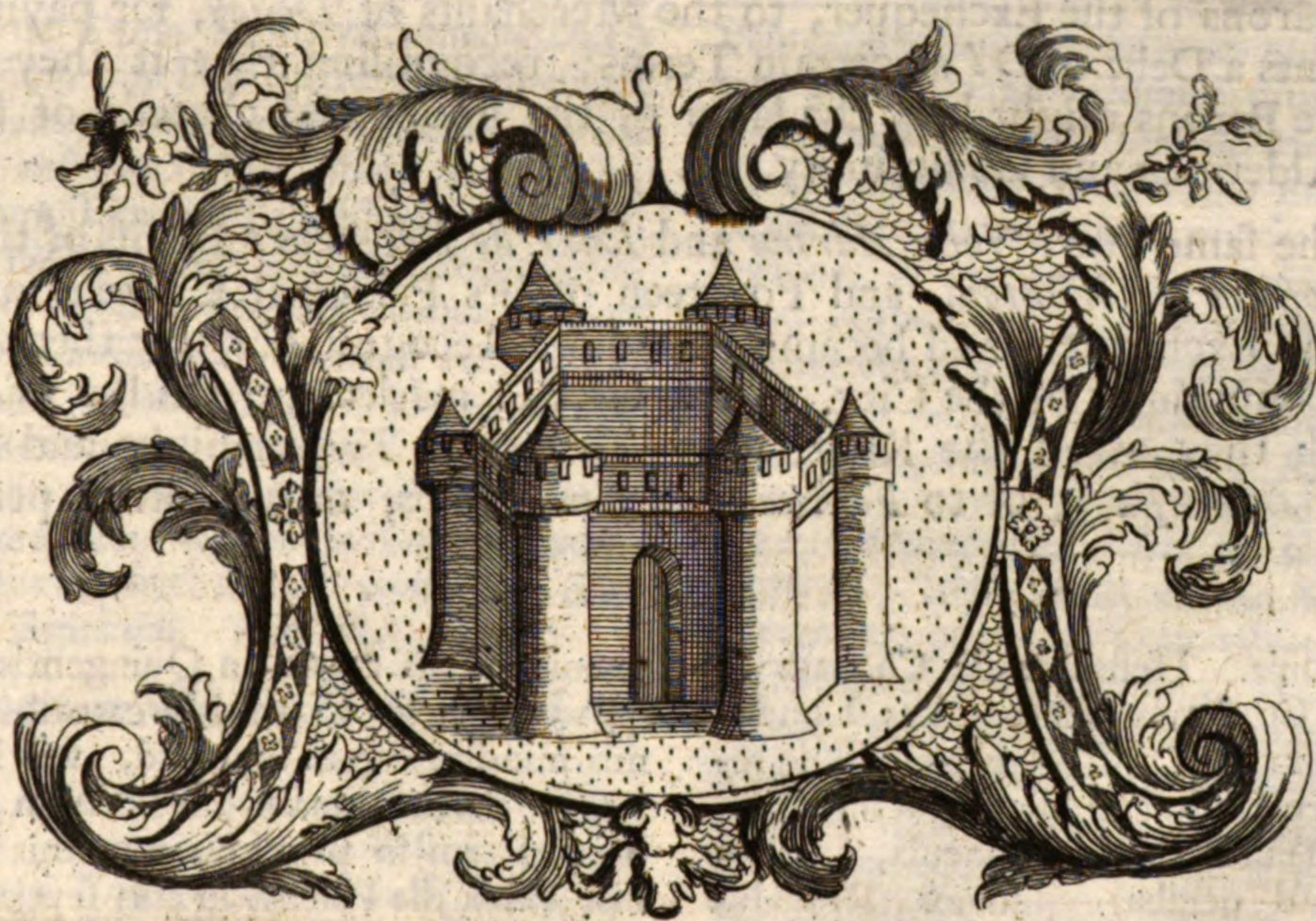
Burgenfes Gloëcestriæ, *sub anno 6 Joh. Hist.*  
*Exch. p 280. col. 2. b. and sub anno 2 Hen. 3.*  
*Ib. p 228. col. 2. q.*

(i) Villata Gloverniæ debet Lx marcas de  
Talliagio. *Memor. 14 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. b.*

(k) Glouc[estrescira]. De Philippo le Co-  
teler de villa Glouc[estriæ] pro fine versus Do-  
minum Regem pro transgressionem facta Agneti  
de Parton, per pleg[ium] Alexandri de By-  
kenore Magistri Adæ de Northwyco Henrici  
le Changour Gilberti Siwent de Comitatu  
Heref[ordiae], i marca. *Plac. coram Rege,*  
*Hil. 18 Edw. 1. Rot. 7. b.*

(l) Glouc[estrescira]. Ricardus Beauchamp  
Miles, alias dictus Ricardus Beauchamp nuper  
Armiger, venit coram Baronibus hujus Scac-  
carii vicesimo nono die Aprilis hoc Termino  
in propria persona sua, & queritur per billam  
versus Nicholaum Hert & Johannem Chaun-

trell, nuper Ballivos Villæ Glouc[estriæ] in  
Comitatu Glouc[estriæ], præsentis hic in Cu-  
ria eodem die, super compoto suo de diversis  
debitis Domino Regi nunc levabilibus infra  
libertatem Villæ illius, hic ad hoc Scaccarium  
reddendo per Thomam Lekhampton eorum  
Attornatum, de eo quod prædicti nuper bal-  
livi ei debent & injuste detinent quingentas &  
quinque libras argenti, Et pro eo injuste,  
quod cum Villa prædicta sit, & a tempore  
cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit  
fuerit, Villa antiqua, corporata de duobus  
ballivis & Communitate ejusdem Villæ, infra  
quam quidem Villam a toto tempore prædi-  
cto inter alia, Cur[ia] pedis pulverizati co-  
ram Ballivis Villæ illius pro tempore existen-  
tibus, in Guihalda ejusdem Villæ, de hora in  
horam teneri & haberi consuevit, de querelis  
de debitis transgressionibus & aliis contracti-  
bus infra eandem Villam emergentibus — . *It*  
*is an action relating to a plaint levied in the*  
*Court of Piepouder of the said Town. The*  
*said late Bailifs emparle. Placita coram Baro-*  
*nibus 12 Edw. 4. Rot. 10. a.*





## CHAPTER VII.

I. *In Ancient times Particular men, Members of an incorporated Town, did commonly Appear Plead and Act for their Town or Community in Important cases. Instances thereof.*

II, III, IV, V, London.

VI, Norwich.

VII, Stamford.

VIII, Grymmesby, and Lyme.

IX, London.

X, Lincoln.

XI, University of Cambridg.

XII, Canterbury.

XIII, Dovor and other Ports.

XIV, Walingford.

XV, London.

XVI, St Albans.

XVII, XVIII, London.

XIX, Cambridg.

XX, New Saresbiry.

XXI, Colchester.

XXII, Ludlow.

XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI,

XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX,

XXXI, XXXII, London.

XXXIII, *A General Remark.*

I.



IN ancient times it was an usual thing for Particular Townsmen of a Corporate-Town to Appear Plead and Act for their Town or Community even in Important cases. Instances thereof.

II. In the Two and twentieth year of K Henry III, Henry de Cocham and Jordan de Covintria Sherifs of London owed the King Lxxi *l* and odd, for the Remanent of the Ferme of the City. Days were given them for payment of it. Richard Reynger Mayor of London became their mainprise (a).

III. In the Fiftieth year of K Henry III, the Bailifs Aldermen and whole Community of the City of London entred into a Recognifance, on behalf of the King, before the Barons of the Exchequer, to the Merchants of Douay, for paying to the said Merchants a Debt of D *l* at certain Terms; recognifing that if they failed in payment, the Barons might levy the same of the goods and chatells of them the said Bailifs Aldermen and Community (b).

IV. In the same year, John Adrien and Luke de Batencurt Bailifs of the City of London, Geoffrey de Winton, and Fourteen others Principal Citizens of London, came into the Exchequer, and became bound by Recognifance, for themselves and the whole Community of the City, to pay CCCC marks the residue of a greater summ which they owed the King, unto Herman le Tyey Knight and Envoy of the Duke of Brunefwik, or to Folkemar de Brunefwiz, or any other person who should

(a) Londonia. Henricus de Cocham & Jordanus de Covintria Vicecomites Londoniæ debent Lxxi *l* iis *vd* ob. numero, de remanente firmæ Civitatis. Reddant medietatem ad festum sancti Petri ad Vincula, & aliam medietatem ad octabas ejusdem. Ricardus Reynger Major manucepit. *Memoranda* 22 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. b.

(b) Recognitio Ballivorum Aldremannorum & totius Communitatis Londoniæ.

Iidem recognoverunt se teneri Symoni Trubert Nicholao de Lenys & sociis suis Mercatoribus de Douwey, pro Domino Rege, pro

pannis ab eis captis in Quingentis libris, de quibus solvent eisdem Mercatoribus in proximis nundinis apud Stanford, vel in proxima vigilia Paschæ unam medietatem, & aliam medietatem in proximis nundinis Sancti Joannis, vel a die Paschæ in tres septimanas apud Londoniam. Et nisi fecerint concesserunt quod Barones de Scaccario prædictos denarios de bonis & catallis eorum fieri faciant; & quod distringantur nichilominus, prout in carta quam inde habent plenius continetur. *Memoranda* anni 50, incipientis 51 Hen. 3. Rot. 14. a. inter Recognitiones.



CHAP. should bring a Letter of Acquittance from the said Duke; and to pay Four shil. S E C T.  
 VII. lings a-day to the said *Herman* and *Folkemar* for their expenses, till they should V. VI.  
 pay the said CCCC marks; and that, in default thereof, the Barons of the Exche- VII.  
 quer might levy the said CCCC marks on their goods and chatells, according to  
 the custome of the Exchequer (c).

V. In the Fifty-sixth year of K *Henry III*, the Citizens of *London* were indebted to Queen *Alienor* in M marks, a Fine which they had made with her for all debts trespasses and demands. *John Adrien* Mayour of *London*, and Twentytwo others Aldermen or Principal Citizens, came into the Exchequer, and entred into a Recognisance, for themselves and for the whole Community of *London*, and their heirs, for true payment of the said Fine at certain Terms. And if they failed in payment, the said *John* and the rest of the Recognisors acknowledged, for themselves and their heirs, and for the whole Community aforesaid, that the Barons of the Exchequer might levy the said money on the goods and chatells of them and of their Fellow-citizens, to the Queens use (d).

VI. In the same Fifty-sixth year, the Citizens of *Norwich* were indebted to Prince *Edward* in xl l xs, for the Vintisme assessed on them to the Princes use. *Adam le Espycer* Citisen of *Norwich* came before the Court of Exchequer, and for himself and his Fellow-citizens entred into a Recognisance for true payment of this Debt (e).

VII. In the Twentyeighth year of K *Henry III*, the Bailifs and Six other Townsmen of *Stamford* in *Lincolnshire* were to answer to the King for the Ferm of their Town (f).

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(c) Recognitio quorundam Civium Londoniæ pro se & tota Communitate Londoniæ.

Johannes Adrien & Lucas de Batencurt Ballivi Civitatis Londoniæ, Galfridus de Wintonia, Walterus Hervey, Edwardus le Blund, Robertus de Montepessulano, Bartholomæus de Castello, Walterus le Poter, Bartholomæus le Tayllur, Petrus Cufyn, Robertus de Suffolcia, Simon de Gant, Terri de Budel[e], Robertus Scot, Henricus le Wimpler, Johannes Saher, Willelmus de Dunolmo, venerunt & recognoverunt pro se & tota Communitate Civitatis prædictæ, quod reddent Hermannō le Tyeys Militi & nuncio Ducis Brunefwik[iæ], vel Folkemaro de Brunefwiz, vel alii deferenti litteras dicti Ducis, CCCC marcas de residuo debiti Mille marcarum, apud Novum Templum Londoniæ in crastino Sancti Hillarii. Et similiter recognoverunt, quod dabunt singulis diebus eisdem Hermannō & Folkemaro quatuor solidos pro expensis suis, a festo Sancti Andree, quousque reddiderint prædictas CCCC marcas. Et nisi fecerint, concesserunt quod Barones de Scaccario prædictas CCCC marcas de bonis & catallis eorum fieri faciant secundum consuetudinem Scaccarii. *Ibid. Rot. 14. a.*

(d) Recognitio Majoris & Civium Londoniæ.

Johannes Adrien Major Londoniæ, Walterus Hervey, Gregorius de Rokesley, Henricus le Waleys, Reginaldus de Suff[olcia], Johannes Herun, Ricardus de Parys, Nicholaus de Wintonia, Radulphus le Blund, Willelmus de Farindon, Johannes de Norhamton, Henricus de Coventre, Angeltinus de Alverne, Gilbertus de Dunton, Thomas de Hereford, Johannes Juvenal, Radulphus de Tany,

Johannes de Bodele, Walterus le Cornewaleys, Laurentius de Hereford, Willelmus May, Ricardus Bonaventure, & Galfridus de la Forde, venerunt coram Baronibus, & recognoverunt pro se & tota Communitate Londoniæ, & pro hæredibus eorum, se teneri Alienoræ Reginæ Angliæ in Mille marciis sterlingorum, de Fine quem Cives prædictæ [Civitatis] Londoniæ fecerunt erga ipsam, pro omnimodis debitis exactionibus transgressionibus querelis & demandis; Solvendis eidem Reginæ vel certo nuncio suo ad terminos subscriptos, videlicet ad festum Pentecostes proximo futurum quingentas marcas, Et ad Natale Domini proximo sequens quingentas marcas, sine ulteriori dilatione; Et nisi fecerint, concesserunt dictus Johannes & alii superius nominati, pro se & eorum hæredibus, & pro tota Communitate prædicta, quod Barones de Scaccario prædictos denarios de bonis & catallis suis & Concivium suorum fieri faciant ad opus ejusdem Reginæ. *Mich. Recognitiones 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. b.*

(e) Recognitio Adæ le Espycer Civis Norwyci. Idem venit coram Baronibus, & recognovit pro se & Concivibus suis se teneri Edwardo filio Regis in xl libris xs, de Vicefima super eisdem Cives assessa ad opus ipsius Domini Edwardi, solvendis eidem ad mediam Quadragesimam proximo futuram. Et nisi fecerit, concessit pro se & Concivibus suis prædictis, quod Barones de Scaccario prædictos denarios de bonis & catallis suis fieri faciant. *Hil. Recognitiones 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 9. a.*

(f) Firma Burgi, Chap. 8. sect. 14.



CHAP. VIII. In the First year of K Edward I, *Philipp* late Mayor of *Grymesby* in SECT. VII. *Lincolnshire* made a recognition in the Court of Exchequer, for himself and the VIII. IX.

Men of *Grymesby* (g). In the Twelfth year of K Edward I, *John Percevant* X. and *Robert Walkelyn* Burgeses of *Lyme*, who were sent to the Kings Court on behalf of the Commonalty of that Town to dispatch several affairs for the Townsmen, made an Acknowledgment in Chancery for a Debt; to wit, That they owed Eleven marks to R Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells* the Kings Chancellor, to be paid to his use at *London* at the *Whitfontide* then next; And if they failed in payment, then that the said money should be levied on their lands and chatells in the County of *Dorset* and elsewhere (b).

IX. In the one and twentieth year of K Edward I, a Concord was made in the Kings presence, between the Citifens of *London* and the Merchants of *Gascony*. On the part of the Citifens it was assented to and ratified by the *Custor* of the City, the Sherifs, Aldermen, and several others of the more discreet and substantial men of the City (i).

X. In the Two and twentieth year of K Edward I, the Citifens of *Lincoln*, by the name of *Rogerus Beaufou Adam Kokerell & alii Cives*, brought an action in the Exchequer against *Gilbert de Gaunt* Lord of the Town of *Barton* in *Lincolnshire*, and his Bailifs of That Town, for taking Toll of the said Citifens coming with their merchandises to the Town of *Barton*. The Parties plead to Issue (k).

XI. In

(g) *Lincoln[sira]*. Memorandum de recognitione *Philippi* quondam Majoris de *Grimesby*. *Philippus* quondam Major de *Grimesby* recognovit pro se & Hominibus villæ de *Grymesby*, quod iidem Homines non debent respondere Regi de debitis quæ ei debentur infra villam prædictam per manus suas. *Trin. Communia 1 Edw. 1. Rot. 7. a.*

(b) Pro *Bathon[iensi] & Wellen[si]* Episcopo. *Johannes Percevant & Robertus Walkelyn* Burgeses de *Lyme*, missi ex parte Communitatis ejusdem villæ ad Curiam Regis pro negociis Burgensium ejusdem villæ ibidem expediendis, recogn[overunt] pro se & comburgensibus suis prædictis se debere R *Bathon[iensi] & Wellen[si]* Episcopo Cancellario Regis undecim marcas, solvendas *Willelmo de Hamelton* ad opus ejusdem Episcopi *London[ia]*, in festo *Pentecostes* proximo futuro. Et nisi fecerint, concesserunt quod dicta pecunia levetur de terris & catallis suis in Comitatu *Dorseta* & alibi.

*Walterus de Rading* Clericus recognovit se debere R *Bathon[iensi] & Wellen[si]* Episcopo sexaginta & septem solidos, solvendos eidem in festo *Ascensionis Domini* proximo futuro. Et nisi fecerit, concessit quod dicta pecunia levetur de terris & catallis suis ubicunque. T Rege apud *Kaernarvan* viii die Aprilis. *Clausæ 12 Edw. 1. m. 7. dorso.*

(i) *Rilys Plac. Parl. p 130.*

(k) *Linc[oln]scira*. *Gilbertus le Gaunt*, *Henricus Gascri* & *Hugo Dorilot Ballivi* de *Barton* attachiantur ad respondendum Regi & *Rogero Beaufou Adæ Kokerell & aliis Civibus Civitatis Lincoln[ia]*, de hoc quod cum prædicti Cives per Cartas Progenitorum Regum Angliæ de Theolonio præstando semper hætenus infra regnum Angliæ liberi & quieti extiterint & quieti esse debent, ac super hoc præfatis *Gilberto Henrico & Hugoni Ballivis*

*Villæ de Barton*, qui in eadem Villa hujusmodi theolonium ab eisdem Civibus exigebant, per breve Regis de Magno Sigillo mandatum fuisset, quod hujusmodi demandæ quam fecerunt prædictis Civibus occasione prædicti theolonii superfederent, nisi habito super hoc aliquo jure speciali per quod ab eisdem Civibus theolonium habere debuissent. Et si aliquam hujusmodi specialitatem habuissent, coram Rege illam detulissent & ostendissent certis diebus præteritis, ad recipiendum inde quod secundum legem & consuetudinem regni Angliæ esset terminandum, iidem *Gilbertus & alii* hujusmodi mandatum Regis parvi pendentes id facere distulerunt, & prædictos Cives a tempore prædicti mandati Regis eis directi majoribus distractionibus gravaverunt & inquietaverunt occasione supradicta, in contemptum Regis manifestum, & dampnum prædictorum Civium C/.

Et prædictus *Gilbertus* venit, & dicit pro se quod ipse & antecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper usi sunt hucusque capere theolonium de prædictis Civibus, & aliis hominibus, venientibus cum mercimoniis per prædictam Villam de *Barton*, & quod nullum breve de prohibitione super exactione prædicti theolonii sibi venit. Petit quod inquiratur.

Et prædicti *Henricus & Hugo* veniunt, & dicunt pro se quod ceperunt theolonium de prædictis Civibus & aliis Mercatoribus venientibus per prædictam Villam de *Barton*, prout decet, juxta libertatem prædicti *Gilberti Domini sui*. Et quo ad breve Regis de prohibitione, dicunt præcise quod nullum tale breve eis venit, & hoc petunt quod inquiratur. Postea habent diem usque a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies prece parciunt. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt. Et prædictus *Gilbertus* bene advocat prædictam distractionem, quia dicit quod ipse & antecessores



CHAP. XI. In the Twentysecond year of K Edward I, Master Henry de Boyton Chan- S E C T.  
VII. cellor of the University of Cambridg sued Michael Pylet late Mayor of the Town XI. XII.  
of Cambridg, and Four others late Bailifs of the same Town, before the Barons of XIII.  
the Exchequer in a Plea of Trespass. He brought the action *tam pro se quam pro* XIV. XV.  
*cæteris Magistris* of the said University (l).

XII. In the twentyseventh year of K Edward I, Adam de Vaux and Thomas de Beuveys two Citifens of Canterbury came into the Exchequer, and for themselves and the whole Community of the said City made Fine to the King in Cl, To have a Confirmation of Three Charters of Liberties granted to them by K Henry III. Adam and Thomas bound themselves, *pro se & cæteris Civibus*, to pay the said Fine (m).

XIII. In the Thirtythird year of K Edward I, John de la Sale Mayor of Dovor and Thomas de Schelming of Sandwich came personally into the Exchequer, and for themselves and the whole Community of the Ports of Dovor Sandwich Romanhal and Heth, made Fine to the King in MCCC marks; for the Quinzime of the said Four Ports. In like manner Roger de Tilmanson and Stephen de Penecestre came and Fined in DCC marks for the Port of Hasting, for the same Quinzime (n).

XIV. In the Five and thirtieth year of K Edward I, Robert de Meleburn Mayor of the Town of Walingford Fined to the King in xls, for himself and his comburgeffes, to have the Town restored to them, which was seised into the Kings hand for the arreres of their Ferme (o).

XV. In the First year of K Edward III, the Aldermen Sherifs and several other Citifens of London come before J Bishop of Winton Lieutenant of the Treasurer, and before the Barons of the Exchequer; and exhibite to the Court a Patent-Letter of K Edward II, directed to the Aldermen Sherifs and Commonalty of London, ordering them to choose a Mayor now, as they were wont before the Office of Mayoralty was taken into the Kings hand, by Judgment of the Justices in Eir at the

tecessores fui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper usi sunt theolonium capere de hominibus Linc[oln]iæ & aliis ibidem venientibus cum mercimoniis.

Et super hoc venit Nicholaus de Warr[e-wico] qui sequitur pro Rege, & dicit quod prædictum Manerium est Regis in dominico & in servitio; & petit quod in nullo super præmissis procedatur ad iudicium, quod in posterum possit verti in præiudicium Regis. Ideo datus est partibus prædictis dies in Crastino Animarum. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti ut prius &c. Et interim loquendum est cum Domino Rege. Ad quem diem prædictus Gilbertus non venit. Ideo distr[ingatur] &c In octabis Purificationis. *Placita coram Baronibus 22 Edw. I. Rot. 33. a.*

(l) Cant[eburg]scira. Michael Pylet nuper Major Villæ Canteb[ur]g[ie], Thomas de Maddingel[e] Willelmus de Hulmo Johannes Prentiz & Alanus de Welles nuper Ballivi ejusdem Villæ, attach[iantur] ad respondendum Magistro Henrico de Boyton Cancellario Universitatis Canteb[ur]g[ie], de placito transgressionis. Et unde idem Magister Henricus, tam pro seipso quam pro cæteris Magistris prædictæ Universitatis, queritur quod cum iidem Cancellarius & cæteri Magistri, per cartas Progenitorum Regum Angliæ habeant hanc libertatem, quod si aliqui malefactores rebelles & tranquillitatis ejusdem Universitatis perturbatores, ad mandatum Cancellarii & Magistrorum ejusdem

Universitatis, Majori & Ballivis prædictæ Villæ Canteb[ur]g[ie] factum, prisonæ Regis mancipandi liberentur, inde quousque coram prædictis Cancellario & Magistris emendas sufficientes super hujusmodi excessibus fecerint, non deliberentur, prædicti Michael & alii quemdam Adam Elyot, qui ad mandatum prædictorum Cancellarii & Magistrorum pro diversis transgressionibus commissus fuerat prisonæ, ab eadem prisona deliberarunt, nulla satisfactione pro hujusmodi transgressionibus præhabita; in pacis Domini Regis læsionem, & contra libertatem prædictam, & dampnum prædictorum Cancellarii & Magistrorum Cl.

Et prædicti Michael & alii venerunt, & præcise dicunt, quod prædictus Adam Elyot numquam per Cancellarium seu Magistros ejusdem Universitatis fuit inprisonatus, nec ad eorum mandatum, nec quod aliquam transgressionem fecerunt. Et hoc petunt quod inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Canteb[ur]g[ie], quod venire faciat coram &c In Crastino Purificationis beatæ Mariæ xii &c, de Villa Canteb[ur]g[ie] & de visneto forinseco propinquius adjacenti, in Crastino Purificationis beatæ Mariæ, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 22 Edw. I. Rot. 83. a. tit.* Adhuc Placita de Crastino sancti Nicholai.

(m) Hist. Excheq. p 290. col. 2. w.

(n) Ibid. p 426. col. 1.

(o) Ibid. p 702. col. 2. p.



CHAP. the Tower of London. The said Aldermen Sherifs and Citifens do now declare, S E C T. VII. that they had by common consent chosen *Richard de Betoigne* to be Mayor. They XVI. pray, that the said Treasurers Lieutenant and Barons, giving their assent thereto on the Kings behalf, would admitt the said *Richard* to that Office. He is admitted; and Sworn to wel-behave (p).

XVI. In the Sixth year of *Edward III*, *Adam le Ussher John de Neubury* and Twentynine others, Townsmen of *St Albans* in *Hertfordshire*, came into the Kings Chancery on behalf of themselves and the rest of their Townsmen, and brought thither a Regal Charter confirmatory of certain liberties which before that time had been granted to the said Townsmen by a Writing of *Hugh* late Abbot of *St Alban* and his Convent; and prayed that the said Charter might be cancelled, and that the enrolment thereof made in the Rolls of the Chancery might be struck out of the said Rolls. And they did there renounce, for themselves and their heirs and successours, all the liberties contained in the said Charter. At their request, the Keeper of the Rolls of the said Chancery broke-off the Seal of wax from the said Charter, and cancelled the enrolment thereof made in the Rolls of the said Chancery. Likewise the said Townsmen brought thither their Common Seal made of Silver, and declared for themselves their heirs and successours, that they ought not to have and would not have any such Common Seal. They also prayed that the said Seal might in like manner be destroyed. And at their request the said Seal was destroyed. And the silver of it was delivered to *Richard de Hederfete* a Monk of *St Alban*, to be carried to the Shrine of *St Alban*, towards the charges of the work of That Shrine (q). In this case the abovenamed *Adam le Ussher*

(p) Londonia. De Majore præsentato ad Scaccarium & admissio.

Aldermanni Vicecomites & plures alii Cives Civitatis Londoniæ venerunt hic coram venerabili patre J Episcopo Wintoniensi tenente locum Thesaurarii, & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii, xvii die Novembris, & exhibuerunt Curia Literas Regis patentes in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi Aldermannis Vicecomitibus & toti Communitati Londoniæ salutem. Attendentes laudabilia obsequia quæ vos & progenitores vestri nobis & progenitoribus [nostris] multipliciter impendistis, & adhuc impendere non desistitis hiis diebus; Considerantes eciam commoda magna quæ in futuro contingere poterunt si Majoris liberam electionem habueritis, prout alias habere consuevistis; Volentesque vobis hiis de causis gratiam facere specialem, officium Majoritatis nuper coram Justiciariis nostris ultimo Itinerantibus ad communia placita apud Turrim nostram Londoniæ quibusdam de causis in manum nostram captum, vobis duximus restituendum, habendum & exercendum eodem modo quo illud habuistis ante captionem prædictam in manum nostram. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod infra octo dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, Majorem de vobis eligatis, & eum præsentetis, & omnia alia in in negotio illo facienda faciatis, prout in negotio prædicto ante captionem prædictam in manum nostram fieri consuevit. Teste Edwardo filio nostro primogenito, Custode regni nostri, apud Herefordiam, vi<sup>to</sup> die Novembris anno regni nostri vicefimo. Et iidem Aldermanni Vicecomites & Cives dicunt se unanimi assensu elegisse Ricardum de Betoigne concivem suum in Majorem suum Civitatis prædictæ, ad officium Majoratus exercendum

in Civitate prædicta; & pecierunt quod ipse tenens locum Thesaurarii & Barones, adhibito ad hoc ex parte Regis assensu ut est moris, dictum Ricardum ad officium prædictum admittant. Et admissus est. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo. Mich. Communia i Edw. 3. Rot. 3. b.

(q) Pro Abbate de Sancto Albano. Memorandum quod terciodecimo die Aprilis, anno regni Regis E tercii post Conquestum sexto, Adam le Ussher, Johannes de Neubury, and twenty nine men more named in the Roll, Homines villæ de Sancto Albano, venerunt in Cancellariam Regis pro se & cæteris Hominibus ejusdem villæ, & detulerunt ibidem quandam cartam Regiam de Confirmatione quarundam Libertatum eisdem Hominibus per scriptum Hugonis nuper Abbatis de Sancto Albano & Conventus ejusdem loci concessarum, & pecierunt quod carta illa dampnaretur, & quod irrotulamentum inde in rotulis Cancellariæ factum a rotulis illis retraheretur; renunciaruntque ibidem, pro se & hæredibus & successoribus suis, omnibus libertatibus in dicta carta contentis. Ad quorum petitionem, Custos rotulorum dictæ Cancellariæ ceram a dicta carta extraxit, & irrotulamentum inde in eisdem rotulis Cancellariæ factum cancellavit & dampnavit. Detulerunt eciam præfati Homines ibidem quoddam sigillum argenteum, quod sibi commune prætextu libertatum prædictarum fabricari fecerant; & recognoverunt pro se hæredibus & successoribus suis, se hujusmodi commune Sigillum habere non debere nec velle; & pecierunt quod sigillum illud similiter dampnaretur: & ad eorum petitionem idem sigillum dampnatum fuit, & liberatum Fratri Ricardo de Hederfete Monacho de Sancto Albano, ad feretrum



CHAP. *Ussher* and others appeared in the Kings Chancery, a Place of Solemnity and Justice, and transacted a very important affair, which concerned the Disclaimer of all their Burgenfick Liberties, and in a sort the Dissolution of their Corporate Body. This they did in name and on behalf of themselves and the rest of their Comburgesses (r). XVII. XVIII.

XVII. On the Twentyninth day of *October* in the Seventh year of K *Edward III*, *John de Pulteneye Anketine Gisors Henry de Setcheford* and *Gregory atte Shire* Aldermen of *London*, and sundry other Citizens, came before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, and presented *John de Preston* for their Mayor. They said they had with one consent chosen him for That office. And Prayed he might be admitted into it. He was admitted. He took his Oath to welbehave himself therein, and also to Enquire of the Kings Escheats in the City, and to answer for the issues of them. At the same time the Citizens made *Richard de Notyngham* their Attorney to Claim prosecute and defend for them in the Exchequer (s).

XVIII. On the morrow of SS *Simon and Jude* in the threeandthirtieth year of K *Edward III*, *John de Stodey* late Mayor, *Adam Fraunceys Richard Lacer John Malweyn* Aldermen, and other Citifens of *London* came before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, and Presented *John Lovekyn* to be Mayor of *London* for the said year. They said that they and the whole Commonalty of the City, by common consent and at their own peril, had chosen Him to exercise the Office of Mayor and Keeper of the said City. They Prayed he might be Admitted. He was Admitted; and took the Oath of Mayor; and was also Sworn to Enquire of the Kings Escheats which should happen in the City in His time, and to answer to the King for the issues of the same (t).

XIX. In

feretrum S Albani Martiris deferendum, in subsidium operis ejusdem feretri. *Clausæ 6 Edw. 3. m. 26. dorso.*

(r) *I apprehend the Burgesses of the Town of St Alban were mistaken in this affair. Their Town was part of the ancient endowment of the Abbey of St Alban. The Burgesses were born the Demean-men of the Abbey. They might, if they pleased, surrender their Liberties and their Common Seal; they might disclaim and renounce all the liberties which were ever granted to them by the Abbots of St Alban, and confirmed by the Crown: But I conceive they could not, by any act of theirs, exempt themselves from their Subjection to their Lord the Abbot. For whether they continued franchised or disfranchised, embodied or not embodied, they still continued his Demean-men.*

(s) *Londonia. De Majore præsentato.*

*Johannes de Pulteneye Anketinus Gisors Henricus de Setcheford & Gregorius atte Shire Aldermanni Civitatis Londoniæ, & plures alii Cives ejusdem Civitatis, venerunt hic coram Thesaurario & Baronibus modo xxix<sup>o</sup> die Octobris hoc Termino, & præsentarunt hic Johannem de Preston concivem suum, ad Officium Majoratus in Civitate prædicta pro hoc anno vii<sup>o</sup> excercendum, asserentes ipsos unanimi assensu dictum Johannem de Preston elegisse ad Officium prædictum; & pecierunt ipsum ad Officium illud admitti. Et admissus est. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in Officio prædicto, & eciam quod bene & fideliter inquiri faciet de escaetis Regis quæ acciderint tempore suo in Civitate prædicta, & de exitibus inde provenientibus Domino Regi respondebit &c.*

*Londonia. Prædicti Major & Aldermanni ac Communitas dictæ Civitatis ponunt loco suo Ricardum de Notyngham ad libertates suas hic in Scaccario calumpniandas proseguendas & defendendas. In pleno Scaccario. Mich. Præsentationes &c, 7 Edw. 3. Rot. 8. a.*

*Londonia. Datus est dies Johanni de Pulteneye nuper Majori Londoniæ, effendi hic hac instanti die veneris proximo ante festum omnium Sanctorum, ad reddendum Regi computum de exitibus Escaetriæ Regis in Civitate prædicta de toto anno vi<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc, quo anno fuit Major & Escaetor Regis ibidem &c. Ad quem diem venit & computavit de Escaetria prædicta de toto tempore suo, sicut continetur alibi in hiis Memorandis inter Status & Visus Compotorum de hoc Termino. Mich. Præsentationes &c, 7 Edw. 3. Rot. 8. a.*

(t) *London[ia]. De Majore præsentato.*

*Johannes de Stodeye nuper Major, Adam Fraunceys Ricardus Lacer Johannes Malweyn Aldermanni Civitatis Londoniæ, & alii Cives ejusdem Civitatis, venerunt coram Thesaurario & Baronibus hic, xxix<sup>o</sup> die Octobris, videlicet in Craftino Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ hoc Termino; & præsentarunt hic Johannem Lovekyn Concivem suum, ad Officium Majoratus in Civitate prædicta pro hoc anno xxxiii<sup>o</sup> excercendum; quem quidem Johannem dicunt seipsos & totam Communitatem dictæ Civitatis, unanimi assensu sub periculo quod incumbit, elegisse, tanquam peritum sufficientem & idoneum ad dictum Officium Majoratus excercendum, & dictam Civitatem custodiendum pro dicto anno xxxiii<sup>o</sup>. Et pecierunt ipsum Johannem ad hoc admitti. Et admissus est. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene*



CHAP. XIX. In the second year of K *Richard II*, *John de Cotton* Mayor of the Town S E C T.  
 VII. of *Cambridg*, and *John de Cauntebrugg* and *Peter de Lolleworth* Burgeses of the XIX. XX.  
 same Town, came into the Kings Exchequer, and made Fine to the King, to have  
 the Liberty of their Town, which was seised into the Kings hand, restored to  
 them. They paid the Fine (*u*).

XX. In the Nineteenth year of King *Richard II*, the Citifens of *Saresbiry* had committed divers enormous disherifons violences and trespasses against their Lord the Bishop of *Saresbiry*, his Predecessours, and the Church of *Saresbiry*. Upon Complaint made by the Bishop, and upon hearing the said Citifens, certain Judgments and Decrees were made in the case by the King and his Council. In obedience to the said Judgments and Decrees, the Mayor and Commonalty of *Saresbiry* entred into a Recognifance to the King in Twenty thousand pounds penalty, and into another Recognifance to the Bishop Dean and Chapter of *Saresbury* of the like penalty, with Condition to obey the said Judgments and Decrees, and in sum to behave themselves well and dutifully to the Bishop and his Successors. And moreover, Two hundred of the Citifens of *Saresbury*, whose names were mentioned in a Cedula made for this purpose, were to enter into Recognifances to the Bishop, to wit each person in the sum of One thousand pounds, with Condition, That they and their heirs would obey the said Judgments and Orders given by the King and his Council, and would perform certain other articles. The articles are hereunder set-forth (*w*).

XXI. In

bene & fideliter se habendo in Officio prædicto, & etiam quod bene & fideliter inquiri faciet de esc[aetis] Regis quæ acciderint tempore suo in Civitate prædicta, & de exitibus inde provenientibus Regi respondebit. Et datus est ei dies hic in Crastino dicti Festi Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ anno futuro ad computandum de esc[aetria] prædicta.

Ad quem diem dictus Johannes Lovekyn venit, & computavit de exitibus Esc[aetria] prædictæ a supradicto Crastino Simonis & Judæ, usque idem Crastinum proximo sequentem, quo die liberavit officium dictæ Esc[aetria] Simoni Dolsely Majori & Escætori, a quo die idem Simon debet inde computare, sicut continetur inter Præsentationes de Termino Sancti Michaelis anno xxxiiii<sup>o</sup>; per quem compotum dictus Johannes Lovekyn nichil debet, sicut continetur in eodem compoto, qui liberatur ad ingrossandum quinto die Decembris anno xxxiiii<sup>o</sup>. *Mich. Præsentationes* 33 *Edw. 3. Rot. 4. a.*

(*u*) Johannes de Cotton Major villæ Cant[ebri]giæ reddit compotum de i marca de fine pro transgressione sua, sicut continetur in Memorandis de anno tercio inter fines de termino S Hillarii; In thesauro liberavit, Et Quietus est.

Idem Johannes, Johannes de Cauntebrugg & Petrus de Lolleworth, Burgenses villæ Cant[ebri]giæ r c de xls pro se & Hominibus villæ prædictæ, pro Libertate villæ prædictæ rehabenda, sicut continetur ibidem; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. post Item Norhamt. tit. Residuum Cant. m. 2. b.*

(*w*) Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Roberto de Cherlton Capitali Justiciario de communi Banco nostro, Philippo la Vache Militi Camera nostræ, Wilhelmo Sturmy Militi, & Johanni Chitterne uni Clericorum Cancellariæ nostræ, salutem. Sciatis quod nos, de fidelitate cir-

cumspectione & industria vestris plenius confidentes, assignavimus vos conjunctim & divisim, & dedimus vobis tam potestatem recipiendi nomine nostro quandam recognitionem, quam Major & Communitas Civitatis Novæ Saresbiriæ, pro se hæredibus & Successoribus suis, coram vobis vel aliquo vestrum facere voluerint de viginti Milibus librarum, nobis & hæredibus nostris solvendarum, juxta vim & effectum quorundam judiciorum & considerationum per nos & Consilium nostrum redditorum, vigore cujusdam submissionis per venerabilem Patrem Johannem Episcopum Sar[esbiriensem], ac prædictos Majorem & Communitatem factæ, super diversis disseisinis exhæredationibus violentiis, molestationibus dampnis injuriis, subtractionibus & gravaminibus, quæ præfatus Episcopus sibi & prædecessoribus suis, ac Ecclesiæ suæ beatæ Mariæ Novæ Sar[esbiriæ], contra jura libertates consuetudines & privilegia ecclesiæ prædictæ, per ipsos Majorem & Communitatem & antecessores suos asseruit fore facta & enormiter perpetrata, quam potestatem recipiendi quandam aliam recognitionem, quam iidem Major & Communitas in forma prædicta coram vobis seu aliquo vestrum facere voluerint, de hujusmodi summa præfato Episcopo ac Decano & Capitulo Ecclesiæ prædictæ, & Successoribus eorundem Episcopi Decani & Capituli, similiter solvenda, sub conditionibus subsequenter, videlicet quod iidem nunc Major & Communitas, & hæredes & Successores sui, prædictis judiciis & considerationibus per nos & consilium nostrum ut præmittitur redditis, & executionibus eorundem, humiliter parebunt & obedient, & nichil in contrarium eorundem attemptabunt seu attemptare præsumunt, & eciam quod ipsi parebunt & obedient præfato Episcopo & Successoribus suis, & Ministris eorundem ibidem, in omnibus quibus obedire tenentur, ratione Domini sui ibidem, & libertatum suarum a nobis



CHAP. XXI. In the Twentysecond year of K *Richard II*, the Men of *Colchester* in ESSECT.  
 VII. *sex* were charged by the Summonce of the Exchequer with xlii*l* for the Ferme of *XXI*.  
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nobis & antecessoribus nostris præfato Episcopo prædecessoribus & Successoribus suis Episcopis Sar[esburie] concessarum, & quod iidem Major & Communitas & hæredes & Successores sui, Ministris ipsius Episcopi & Successorum suorum, in executione judiciorum in Curia ipsius Episcopi & Successorum suorum infra Civitatem prædictam reddendorum, & aliis Officiis eorundem Ministrorum, tam in articulis in Literis prædictorum Majoris & Communitatis, quas idem Episcopus coram nobis & Consilio nostro exhibuit, & quas etiam ac singula in eis contenta iidem Major & Communitas sua facta fuisse, & ea imposte-  
 rum observare velle expresse recognoverunt contentis, quam in aliis quibuscumque rite exercendis, assistent. Ita quod si aliqui vel aliquis in Civitate prædicta, eidem Episcopo vel Successoribus suis, aut eorum Ministris, in hac parte inventi fuerint rebelles vel rebelles, tunc iidem Major & Communitas hæredes & Successores sui, quociens & quando per aliquem de Ministris ipsius Episcopi vel Successorum suorum requisiti fuerint, hujusmodi rebelles impediunt, & secundum legis exigentiam obedire coartabunt; & si aliqua violenta potentia in conventiculis vel congregationibus illicitis, seu alias quovis modo, contra pacem & legem regni nostri Angliæ futuris temporibus, per aliquos Civitatis prædictæ contra nos & Ministros nostros, aut præfatum Episcopum vel Successores suos, aut eorum Ministros, fieri contingat, tunc prædicti Major & Communitas hæredes & Successores sui, hujusmodi potentiam impediunt, & malum inde perpetrari non permittent; & si prædicti Major & Communitas hæredes & Successores sui, omnes conditiones supradictas ex parte sua observaverint, extunc tam prædicta recognitio nobis, quam prædicta recognitio præfatis Episcopo Decano & Capitulo faciendæ, omnibus careant virtute & effectu, alioquin in suis robore & effectu perseverent. Proviso tamen, quod si aliqua hujusmodi violenta potentia fieri contingat in Civitate prædicta, & Major & Communitas dictæ Civitatis qui pro tempore fuerint hujusmodi potentiam non impederint, dictæ recognitiones non ponantur in executionem, nisi malum quod inde fuerit perpetratum, postmodum per Consilium nostrum vel hæredum nostrorum, aut nostros seu eorundem hæredum nostrorum Justiciarios, aut legem terræ, adjudicatum fuerit horribile. Assignavimus vos etiam conjunctim & divisim, & similiter dedimus vobis potestatem, recipiendi nomine nostro recognitiones quas ducenti Homines in Civitate prædicta, quorum nomina in quadam cedula in Literis nostris sub privato Sigillo nostro inclusa vobis mittimus, coram vobis vel aliquo vestrum facere voluerint, videlicet quilibet eorum per se de Mille libris, præfato Episcopo ad certum terminum solvendis, sub conditionibus subsequentibus, videlicet quod ipsi

& hæredes sui dictis judiciis & considerationibus per nos & Consilium nostrum redditis, & executionibus eorundem, humiliter parebunt & obedient, & nichil in contrarium attemptabunt seu attemptare præsumunt, & etiam quod ipsi parebunt & obedient præfato nunc Episcopo & Successoribus suis, & Ministris eorundem ibidem, in omnibus quibus obedire tenentur, ratione Dominii sui ibidem, & libertatum suarum a nobis & antecessoribus nostris præfato Episcopo prædecessoribus & Successoribus Episcopis Sar[esburie] concessarum, & quod ipsi & hæredes sui, Ministris ipsius Episcopi & Successorum suorum, in executione judiciorum in Curia ipsius Episcopi & Successorum suorum infra Civitatem prædictam reddendorum, & aliis officiis eorundem Ministrorum, tam in articulis in Literis ipsorum Majoris & Communitatis ut præmittitur contentis & recognitis, quam in aliis quibuscumque rite exercendis assistent, & quod nec ipsi nec hæredes sui, nec aliquis eorum, nec aliquis alius ad eorum vel alicujus eorum procuracionem assensum abbettum manutenentiam auxilium vel præceptum, versus præfatum Episcopum vel Successores suos, vel eorum Ministros qui sunt vel qui pro tempore erunt in Civitate prædicta, armata vel violenta potentia in conventiculis vel congregationibus illicitis, seu alias quovis modo, contra pacem & legem prædictas futuris temporibus insurgent vel insurget, nec aliquam transgressionem facient vel faciet, quæ per Consilium nostrum vel hæredum nostrorum, aut per Justiciarios nostros vel eorundem hæredum nostrorum, per legem terræ adjudicetur horribilis; & si ipsi & hæredes sui & eorum quilibet, omnes conditiones supradictas ex parte sua observaverint, extunc dictæ recognitiones per ipsos sic faciendæ omni careant virtute & effectu, alioquin in suo robore & effectu perseverent. Proviso tamen, quod si aliquis dictorum ducentorum Hominum in conditionibus prædictis sive aliqua earundem inventus fuerit delinquens, tunc recognitio per ipsum sic delinquentem ut præmittitur faciendæ ponatur in executionem, recognitionibus vero cæterorum non delinquentium in suspenso nichilominus remansuris. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod præfatos Majorem & Communitatem, ac dictos ducentos Homines de eadem Civitate, coram vobis vel aliquo vestrum ad certum diem vel dies, eis per vos apud Civitatem prædictam præfigendos, venire faciatis, & recognitiones illas recipiatis; Et cum eas receperitis, nos inde ac de die sive diebus recognitionum illarum in Cancellaria nostra, sub sigillis vestris trium duorum seu alicujus vestrum, distincte & aperte sine dilatione reddatis certiores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Et ulterius vobis tribus duobus vel uni vestrum, ad omnes illos quos in hac parte contrarios inveneritis seu rebelles arrestandos & capiendos, & prisonis nostris committendos,



CHAP. their Town. The Barons of the Exchequer awarded a writ of *Scire facias* to the S E C T.  
 VII. Sherif of *Essex*, to warn them (*quod præmuniantur prædicti Homines*), to shew cause XXI.

why they should not be charged to the King every year with the entire sum of xlii l, for the Ferme of their Town. Upon That *Scire facias* the Sherif returned, that he had Warned *Thomas Godeston Thomas Fraunceys John Seburgh* and *John Dyere* Merchaunt, Men of the Town of *Colchester*, to appear before the Barons at *Westminster* in the quinzime of *St Hilary*, to Shew cause and to Do as the said Writ required. At the said quinzime of *St Hilary* the said Men appeared by their Attorney, and said they were not yet fully instructed to answer touching the premisses; but pray a further Day. A Day is given them, to wit, the quinzime of Easter. At That day they appeared by their Attorney, and were further adjourned to the quinzime of *St Michael*. Before that Day *K Richard II* ceased to Rule the Kingdom; by whose cesser this process rested without day. A fresh writ of *Scire facias* issued, to warn the said Men of *Colchester* to shew cause, as before, on the morrow of the Close of Easter in the First year of *K Henry IV*. At That Day the Sherif returned, that he had Warned *John Seburgh John Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henry Bosse* and *Michael Aubrey*, Men of the Town of *Colchester*, to appear and Shew cause as the Writ required. On the said morrow of the Close of Easter, the said *John Seburgh John Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henry Bosse* and *Michael Aubrey* appeared by their Attorney. They said they were not yet informed what to plead. The Court gave them Day from Term to Term. At length they brought into Court a Close-Writ of the Great Seal, directed to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, reciting the case of the said Townsmen, and commanding the Barons to make them Allowance of the said Seven pounds, so that they be discharged for ever. Hereupon the Court doth adjudg, That the said Men of *Colchester* have full Allowance of the said Seven pounds, as well for the time past as for the time to come, and that they the said Men and their Successors be discharged and acquitted thereof (x).

## XXII. In

mittendos, in eisdem moraturos quousque pro eorum punitione aliter duxerimus ordinandum, tenore præsentium similiter committimus potestatem. Damus autem tam Majori & Communitati prædictis, quam universis & singulis Vicecomitibus Majoribus Ballivis Ministris, & aliis fidelibus & subditis nostris, tenore præsentium firmiter in mandatis, quod vobis & cuilibet vestrum in executione præmissorum intendentes sint, consulentes respondentes & auxiliantes, quociens & prout per vos seu aliquem vestrum præmuniti fuerint ex parte nostra. In cuius &c. Teste [Rege] apud Westm. xx<sup>o</sup> die Julii. Originale 19 Ric. 2. Rot. 16.

In the Thirtieth year of *K Edward I*, there was a sharp contest between the Bishop of *Saresbury* and his Citizens of *Saresbury*, about Tallage. It was then Heard and determined by the King and his Council. The proceedings are printed in *Ribys Plac. Parl.* p 273 & seqq.

(x) *Essexia*. De Hominibus Villæ *Colcestriæ* occasionatis ad ostendendum Regi quare ipsi haberent allocationem quolibet anno de vii l in firma Villæ suæ.

Memorandum quod cum exigantur per Summonitionem hujus Scaccarii de Hominibus Villæ *Colcestriæ* xlii l per annum, de firma Villæ suæ a primo die Octobris anno decimo Regis hujus, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno xx<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc in *Essex Hertford*, *Willelmus Bateman* Vicecomes Comitatum prædictorum, præsens hic in Curia in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni dicti

Regis nunc xxi<sup>o</sup>, super compoto suo de Officio Vicecomitis prædicti, videlicet a Festo Sancti Michaelis anno regni Domini Regis nunc xx<sup>o</sup>, usque festum sancti Michaelis anno regni Domini Regis nunc xxi<sup>o</sup>, de firma prædicta onerabatur infra summam suam, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo supradicto; ac postmodum, videlicet a die Sancti Michaelis hoc Termino in xv dies, prædictus *Willelmus Bateman* præsens hic in Curia super petitionibus suis de compoto suo prædicto, inter alia peciit exonerari de vii l, de quibus onerabatur in compoto suo prædicto de prædicta firma xlii l, Eo quod Homines Villæ *Colcestriæ* deberent habere allocationem quolibet anno in firma sua prædicta de prædictis vii l, videlicet de xls in defectu bosci de *Kyngeswood*, & xxs in elemosina constituta Monachis *Colcestriæ*, Et iiii l in defectu quatuor Monetariorum, sicut allocari consuevit a tempore quo non extat memoria, videlicet annis regni Domini Regis *H secundi* xxxii<sup>o</sup> & xxxiii<sup>o</sup>, & aliis diversis annis præcedentibus, prout patet in Rotulis de eisdem annis, & eo quod dictus Vicecomes de prædictis vii l nichil recepit per tempus compoti sui prædicti. De quibus quidem vii l per considerationem Baronum prædictus *Willelmus Bateman* exoneratur in compoto suo prædicto causis supradictis. Et quia videtur Baronibus juri consonum fore, quod prædicti Homines onerentur versus Regem de prædicta firma xlii l per annum, vel ostendant si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de dicta firma xlii l per annum erga Regem onerari non debeant,



CHAP. XXII. In the First year of K Henry VII, xxiiii<sup>l</sup> xiii<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup> per annum stood S E C T.  
 VII. Charged in the Great-Roll upon the Burgeses of Ludlowe in Shropshire and their Succellours, XXII.

beant, Concordatum est inter eosdem Barones, quod prædicti Homines præmuniantur per breve hujus Scaccarii, ad ostendendum si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de dicta firma integra videlicet xlii<sup>l</sup> per annum erga Regem onerari non debeant. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Essexiæ, quod non omittat &c quin eam &c, & per probos & legales Homines &c scire faciat præfatis Hominibus, quod sint hic a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes videlicet Willelmus Bateman retornavit breve indorsatum sic, Scire feci Thomæ Godeston Thomæ Fraunceys Johanni Seburgh & Johanni Dyere Merchaut, Hominibus Villæ Colcestriæ, quod sint coram Baronibus de Scaccario Domini Regis apud Westm. a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies infracontento, ad ostendendum faciendum & recipiendum quod istud breve exigit & requirit, Per Johannem Saxmondham & Robertum Stanstede.

Et ad eandem quindenam sancti Hillarii prædicti Homines venerunt hic per Jacobum Andrew Attornatum suum. Et dicunt quod ipsi non sunt plenarie informati ad præsens ad respondendum in præmissis; petentes diem ulteriorem de gratia Curie citra quem informari poterint inde; quod de gratia Curie concessum est eis. Et super hoc datus est dies præfatis Hominibus hic, a die Paschæ in xv dies, ad ostendendum & proponendum si quid &c; Et interim concessum est præfatis Hominibus quod habeant respectum de vii<sup>l</sup> prædictis. Ad quem diem prædicti Homines venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius in statu quo nunc usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies; Et interim habeant respectum de vii<sup>l</sup> prædictis. Ante quem diem Dominus Rex cessavit de regimine regni; per cujus cessationem loquela prædicta remansit sine die; Ob quam causam Concordatum est inter Barones, quod prædicti Homines Villæ Colcestriæ præmuniantur de novo, per breve Regis Henrici quarti de Scire facias, ad ostendendum si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de dicta firma integra, videlicet xlii<sup>l</sup> per annum, erga dictum Regem Henricum quartum onerari non debeant. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Essexiæ, quod non omittat &c quin eam &c, & per probos & legales Homines &c scire faciat præfatis Hominibus, quod sint hic a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut alias, quod non omittat &c quin eam &c, Et per probos & legales Homines &c scire faciat præfatis Hominibus, quod sint hic in Crastino Clausi Paschæ, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes videlicet Edwardus de Bensted retornavit breve indorsatum sic, Virtute istius brevis scire feci Johanni Seburgh Johan-

ni Forde Thomæ Fraunceys Henrico Bosse & Michaeli Aubrey, Hominibus Villæ Colcestriæ, quod sint coram Baronibus Domini Regis de Scaccario infracontento, ad diem & locum infracontentos, ad ostendendum proponendum & faciendum quod istud breve exigit & requirit, per Johannem Sumpter & Johannem Saxmondham. Et ad prædictum Crastinum Clausi Paschæ, prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubry venerunt hic per Jacobum Andrew Attornatum suum. Et dicunt quod non sunt plenarie informati ad præsens ad respondendum in præmissis; petentes diem ulteriorem de gratia Curie sibi dari in statu quo nunc, usque a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies; quod concessum est eis. Et super hoc datus est dies præfatis Johanni Seburgh Johanni Forde Thomæ Fraunceys Henrico Bosse & Michaeli Aubrey hic, in statu quo nunc, usque ad prædictam quindenam Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Ad quem diem præfati Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubrey venerunt hic per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubry venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius usque a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubrey venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius usque a die Paschæ in xv dies. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubrey venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius usque a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubrey venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes Seburgh Johannes Forde Thomas Fraunceys Henricus Bosse & Michael Aubrey venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum; Et detulerunt hic breve Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter breviam directa Baronibus de Termino Sancti Michaelis anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc tertio, rotulo videlicet xxviii<sup>o</sup>, in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum dilecti nobis Ballivi & Communitas Villæ nostræ Colcestriæ eandem Villam pro feodi firma quadraginta & dua-



CH A P. Successours, for the Fee-ferme of the said Town and Burgh, except the Site of the S E C T  
 VII. Castle there and the Castlemead &c. In Hilary-term in the Second year of K Hen- XXII.

ry VII, *Thomas Stevyns* and *John Typper* late Bailifs of *Ludlowe* the Burgeses and Community of the said Town appear in the Exchequer by their Attourney; and Plead aswell a Charter of Incorporation made to them by K *Edward IV*, as likewise a Patent Letter of the same King, whereby the King appointed them to Account to the Auditors of his Lordship of *Ludlowe*, and to pay their Ferm to his Receivers of that Lordship; They say, that the Bailifs and Burgeses of *Ludlowe* for the time being have ever-since Accompted and paid their Ferm accordingly; And that they the said *Thomas Stevyns* and *John Typper* late Bailifs and Burgeses and the Community of the said Town are ready to verify their said allegations. They pray Judgment. The Court deliberateth. And several Days are successively given to the said late Bailifs and Burgeses and Community. No Judgment is here entred (y). Probably, the reasons which induced the Barons to respite their Judgment

rum librarum a tempore quo non extat memoria tenuissent, sicut de Recordo in Scaccario nostro plene liquet; ipsique post & ante tempus memoriae, usque jam tarde juxta ordinationem Willelmi Lescropp nuper Thesaurarii Angliæ, de septem libris de prædicta summa quadraginta & duarum librarum, allocationem in dicto Scaccario nostro habuissent ex causis subscriptis, videlicet pro defectu quatuor monetariorum quatuor libris; pro defectu bosci in Kyngeswode quadraginta solidis, & in elemosina data & ordinata per diversos Reges Progenitores nostros Monachis Colcestriæ viginti solidis, prout patet de recordo temporibus Progenitorum nostrorum, videlicet a tempore Henrici secundi quondam Regis Angliæ, usque ad tempus quo præfatus Willelmus Lescrop dictos Ballivos & Communitatem tempore carissimi Domini & Consanguinei nostri Regis Ricardi defuncti, inquietari & molestari fecit, contra antiquas allocationes supradictas, ut accepimus; Volumus de assensu Concilii nostri, & vobis mandamus, quod eisdem Ballivis & Communitati, de dictis septem libris ex causis præmissis, tam de tempore præterito quam futuro plenam allocationem faciatis; Ita quod ipsi seu Successores sui pro eorum antiqua allocatione non impetantur seu graventur; Set inde exonerati & quieti existant imperpetuum. Teste meipso apud Westm. xv<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni nostri secundo. Et super hoc prædicti Homines Villæ Colcestriæ petunt allocationem sibi fieri annuatim de prædictis vii<sup>l</sup> de dicta firma villæ suæ tam pro tempore præterito quam pro tempore futuro, videlicet pro defectu quatuor monetariorum iii<sup>l</sup>, pro defectu bosci in Kyngeswode xl s, & in elemosina data & ordinata per diversos Reges Angliæ Monachis Colcestriæ xxs, prætextu brevis prædicti. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est quod prædicti Homines Villæ Colcestriæ habeant plenam allocationem de prædictis vii<sup>l</sup>, ex causis præmissis, tam de tempore præterito quam de tempore futuro, & quod iidem Homines seu Successores sui pro eorum antiqua allocatione non impetantur seu graventur, set inde exonerati & quieti existant imperpetuum, prætextu brevis prædicti; Salva semper actione Regis &

alias &c. Mich. Communia 22 Ric. 2. Rot. 26.

(y) Salop[escira]. Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno primo Regis nunc in Salop[escira], quod exiguntur ibidem de Burgenfibus Villæ Regis de Ludlowe & successoribus suis, xxiiii<sup>l</sup> xiii<sup>s</sup> iii<sup>d</sup> per annum, de feodifirma Villæ & Burgi Regis de Ludlowe prædicta, Exceptis situ Castri ibidem & quodam prato vocato Castelmède —.

Et modo scilicet in quindena S Hillarii hoc termino, venerunt hic Thomas Stevyns & Johannes Typper nuper Ballivi dictæ Villæ de Ludlowe, Burgeses & Communitas ejusdem villæ, per Thomam Darnall eorum attornatum. They Plead, that Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ quartus per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est vii<sup>o</sup> die Decembris anno regni sui primo — Incorporated them, and granted to them divers Franchises. They also Plead Letters Patent of K Edward IV, dated 8 Martii anno regni 18<sup>o</sup>, whereby the King appointed them to account-to and pay their Ferm to his Receivers or Auditors of his Lordship of Ludlowe —. Et dicunt ulterius prædicti Thomas Stevyns & Johannes Typper, quod Ballivi & Burgeses dictæ villæ de Ludlowe a festo Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ dicto anno xvii<sup>o</sup> dicti nuper Regis Edwardi quarti, & continue postea hucusque separatim pro temporibus suis existentes, computarunt coram Henrico Harper & Ricardo Greenway adtunc Auditoribus compotorum dicti nuper Regis E quarti, Ricardi tertii nuper Regis Angliæ, & Domini Regis nunc, Domini sui de Ludlowe ab eodem festo Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ prædicto anno decimo septimo præfati nuper Regis hucusque; Et firmam illam separatim pro temporibus suis per totum idem tempus solverunt cuidam Ricardo Croft, adtunc Receptori dictorum nuper Regum, ac nunc Receptori Domini Regis nunc Domini sui prædicti, pro dicta feodi firma villæ prædictæ, adtunc dictis nuper Regibus & Domino Regi nunc existente debita, and had acquittances (now shewn-forth) from the Receiver, according to the effect of the said Letter Patent —. Et unde dicti Thomas Stevyns & Johannes Typper detulerunt hic breve Domini Regis nunc de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum —. The Mandatory part of the Writ is, Vobis mandamus quod



CHAP. Judgment in this case were these. The Burgesſes allege, That they had Account-S E C T.  
 VII. ed Below before Auditours &c. But it is to be remembred, that by the courſe of XXIII.  
 the Exchequer, the Burgeſſes ought to have come and accounted before the Ba- XXIV.  
 rons of the Exchequer, before whom they ſtood in Charge. In the next place,  
 although the Burgeſſes did now produce a Cloſe writ of the Great Seal, reciting  
 their caſe, and commanding the Treafurer and Barons *quod ipſos Burgenſes & ſuc-*  
*ceſſores ſuos non moleſtetis*, yet the Barons might juſtly think this Cloſe writ (as  
 being too general) was not a ſufficient Warrant to found a Diſcharge upon. But  
 the Burgeſſes ſhould have obtained in the Kings Chancery a Writ upon their caſe,  
 expreſſly commanding the Treafurer and Barons to diſcharge them aſwell of the  
 preſent arrerages, as of the accruing Ferm from time to time thenafter, upon their  
 producing an Acquittance from the Kings Receiver, and a *Quietus* or other legal  
 Diſcharge from the Kings Auditor for the Lordſhip of *Ludlowe*. Moreover, in  
 regard the Fee-ferm ſtood in Charge upon the Burgeſſes in the *Great-Roll* of the  
 Exchequer, they could not by the courſe of the Exchequer be diſcharged of it, but  
 by Judgment of the Barons. For without an expreſs Writ or Warrant from the  
 King, the Barons had not power to diſpenſe with the Settled courſe of the Exche-  
 quer. Thus the abovenamed *Thomas Stevyns* and *John Typper* appeared pleaded  
 and acted in the Court of Exchequer, for and on behalf of themſelves and the  
 whole Community of the Town of *Ludlowe*.

XXIII. On the Thirtieth day of *October* in *Michaelmas-term* in the Second  
 year of K *Henry VI*, *William Waldern* Mayor of *London*, *Henry Barton* *Robert*  
*Taterſhale* and ſeveral others Citifens of *London* came before the Treafurer and Ba-  
 rons of the Exchequer, and preſented *William Crowmere* their Concitifen to be  
 Mayor for the ſaid Second year of the King, whom (they ſaid) they and the whole  
 Community of the ſaid City had unanimoſly choſen. They prayed he might be  
 admitted. He was admitted; And was Sworn to execute duly the office of Mayor,  
 and likewise the Office of Eſcheator for the ſaid City (z).

XXIV. In the Second year of K *Henry VI*, *William Waldern* Mayor, *William*  
*Eſtfeld* and *Robert Taterſall* Sherifs, *Thomas Fauconer* and *William Sevynoke* and  
 divers others Aldermen and Citizens of *London*, came according to cuſtome before  
 the Court of Exchequer on the Morrow of *St Michael*; and declared that they  
 had unanimoſly choſen *Thomas Wandesford* and *Nicolas Jamys* two of their fel-  
 low-citifens to be Sherifs for the enſuing year; and Pray that they may be admit-  
 ted into that Office. And the Court admitted them (a).

XXV. In

*quod ipſos nunc Burgenſes & Ballivos Villæ*  
*prædictæ & Succellores ſuos, contra tenorem*  
*Literarum & confirmationis prædictarum, non*  
*moleſtetis in aliquo ſeu gravetis. T meipſo*  
*apud Weſtm. quinto die Februarii anno regni*  
*noſtri ſecundo. Quæ omnia & ſingula præ-*  
*dicti Thomas Stevyns & Johannes Typper*  
*nuper Ballivi ac Burgenſes & Communitas di-*  
*ctæ villæ de Ludlowe parati ſunt verificare*  
*prout Curia &c. Unde petunt Judicium, ſi*  
*Dominus Rex nunc ipſos aut eorum aliquem*  
*ad reſpondendum in hoc Scaccario de aut pro*  
*dicta feodi-firma Villæ ſive Burgi de Ludlowe*  
*prædicta, a præſatis Burgenſibus ſeparatim*  
*in forma prædicta exacta, per aliquem pro-*  
*ceſſum extra hoc Scaccarium conſideratum*  
*aut adjudicatum —, artare compellere ſeu oc-*  
*caſionare velit. They Pray to be Diſcharged.*  
*Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in*  
*præmiſſis antequam ulterius &c, datus eſt dies*  
*præſatis nuper Ballivis ac Burgenſibus & Com-*  
*munitati in ſtatu quo nunc uſque a die Paſ-*  
*chæ in xv dies —. No Judgment. Hil. Com-*  
*munia 2 Hen. 7. Rot. 12.*

(z) *Londonia. Willelmus Waldern* Ma-  
 jor, *Henricus Barton* *Robertus Taterſhale* &

*alii quamplures Cives Londoniæ* venerunt  
 coram Theſaurario & Baronibus hujus Scac-  
 carii xxx die Octobris hoc termino, & præſenta-  
 runt Willelmum Crowmere concivem ſuum  
 ad Officium Majoratus in Civitate prædicta  
 pro hoc anno ſecundo exercendum; quem  
 quidem Willelmum dicunt ipſos & totam  
 Communitatem dictæ Civitatis ex unanimi af-  
 ſenſu, ſub periculo quod incumbit, elegiſſe,  
 tanquam peritum ſufficientem & idoneum ad  
 dictum Officium Majoratus exercendum, &  
 dictam Civitatem Londoniæ cuſtodiendam pro  
 prædicto anno ſecundo. Et pecierunt ipſum  
 Willelmum ad hoc admitti. Et admiſſus eſt;  
 & præſtitit ſacramentum de bene & fideliter  
 ſe habenda in Officio prædicto, & eciam quod  
 bene & fideliter inquiri faciet de eſcaëtis Re-  
 gis quæ accident tempore ſuo in Civitate præ-  
 dicta; Et quod de exitibus inde provenienti-  
 bus Regi reſpondebit. Et datus eſt dies præ-  
 fato Willelmo Crowmere in Craſtino Apo-  
 ſtolorum Simonis & Judæ anno futuro ad com-  
 putandum de exitibus eſcaetriæ prædictæ.  
*Mich. Præſentationes 2 Hen. 6. Rot. 1. b.*

(a) *Londonia Middelfexia. Willelmus*  
 Waldern Major *Willelmus Eſtfeld* & *Robertus*  
tus



CHAP. XXV. In the Eighteenth year of K Henry VI, Stephen Broun Mayor, John S E C T. VII. Brokley, William Melreth, Henry Frowyk, and several others Aldermen and Citizens of London, came before the Barons of the Exchequer on the Morrow of St Michael, and said they had unanimously elected Robert Marchall and Philipp Malpas their Concitizens to be Sherifs for the year next coming; and Prayed they might be admitted into That Office. The Barons admitted them (b).

XXVI. In the Twentyseventh year of K Henry VI, John Gedney Mayor, Henry Frowyk, Thomas Catworth, Stephen Browne, and many others Aldermen and Citizens of London come before the Court of Exchequer on the Morrow of St Michael; Declaring that they had chosen William Cantelowe and William Marwe Sherifs for the next ensuing year. They Pray they may be admitted to be Sherifs. They were admitted (c).

XXVII. John Tate Mayor of London, Matthew Phelipp Ralf Verney and several others Citizens and Aldermen of London came before the Barons of the Exchequer on the Morrow of St Michael in the Fourteenth year of K Edward IV, and notified that they had unanimously chosen Edmund Shaa and Thomas Hill two of their Concitizens to be Sherifs of London and Middlesex for the year next following; praying they might be admitted into That Office. They were admitted and Sworn (d).

XXVIII. In the Second year of K Henry VII, Hugh Bryce Mayor of London, Edmund Shaa Henry Colet and John Broun Citizens and Aldermen, came personally before the Barons of the Exchequer, and declared that they had unanimously chosen John Percyvale and Hugh Clopton two of their Fellow-citizens to be Sherifs of London and Middlesex for the year next following; Praying the Barons to admitt them to execute That office. And they were admitted (e).

XXIX. In

tus Taterfall Vicecomites, Thomas Fauconer & Willelmus Sevynoke, ac alii quamplures Aldermanni & Cives Londoniæ venerunt coram Baronibus hic in crastino S Michaelis hoc termino, Et dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Thomam Wandesford & Nicholaum Jamys concives suos in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ pro hoc anno futuro, petentes se admitti ad officium illud exercendum. Et admissi sunt. Et non præstiterunt sacramentum, ob causam annotatam in Memorandis de anno viio Regis E. tertii abavi Domini Regis nunc, inter Præsentationes de termino S Michaelis. Mich. Præsentationes 2 Hen. 6. Rot. 1.

(b) London[ia]. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis.

Stephanus Broun Major, Johannes Brokley Willelmus Melreth & Henricus Frowyk, ac alii quamplures Aldermanni & Cives Londoniæ, venerunt coram Baronibus hic in Crastino Sancti Michaelis hoc Termino, Et dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Robertum Marchall & Philippum Malpas Concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ pro hoc anno futuro; petentes se admitti ad Officium illud exercendum. Et admissi sunt. Et non præstiterunt sacramentum, ob causam annotatam in Memorandis de anno septimo Regis E. tertii Progenitoris Domini Regis nunc, inter Præsentationes de Termino Sancti Michaelis. Mich. Præsentationes 18 Hen. 6. Rot. 1. a.

(c) London[ia], Midd[el]sexia. De Willelmo Cantelowe & Willelmo Marwe Vicecomitibus præsentatis.

Memorandum quod Johannes Gedney Major, Henricus Frowyk Thomas Catworth Ste-

phanus Browne, & alii quamplures Aldermanni & Cives Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt coram Baronibus hic modo in Crastino Sancti Michaelis hoc Termino. Et dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Willelmum Cantelowe & Willelmum Marwe Concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ ac Comitatus Midd[el]sexiæ pro hoc anno futuro; petentes ipsos admitti ad officium illud exercendum. Et per dictos Barones ad hoc prout moris est admissi sunt &c. Et non præstiterunt sacramentum, ob causam annotatam in Memorandis de anno Septimo Regis E. tertii Progenitoris ipsius Domini Regis, videlicet inter Præsentationes de Termino sancti Michaelis. Mich. Præsentationes 27 Hen. 6. Rot. 1. a.

(d) Londonia Middelfexia. Memorandum quod Johannes Tate Major Civitatis Londoniæ, Mathæus Phelipp & Radulphus Verney, ac alii quamplures Cives & Aldermanni Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt coram Baronibus hic in Crastino sancti Michaelis hoc termino, & dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Edmundum Shaa & Thomam Hill concives suos in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ ac Comitatus Middelfexiæ pro anno proximo futuro; petentes ipsos admitti ad Officium illud exercendum. Et per dictos Barones ad hoc prout moris est admissi sunt. Et præstiterunt sacramentum ibidem de bene & fideliter se habendo in Officio prædicto. Mich. Præsentationes 14 Edw. 4. Rot. 1.

(e) Londonia Middelfexia. Memorandum quod Hugo Bryce Major Civitatis Londoniæ, Edmundus Shaa & Henricus Colet ac Johannes Broun Cives & Aldermanni Civitatis prædictæ,



CHAP. XXIX. In the Twentyeighth year of K *Henry VIII*, Sir *John Aleyn* Mayor of *London*, Sir *John Champneys* and *Ralph Waren* Citizens and Aldermen, and several other Aldermen and Citifens; came before the Court of Exchequer the last day of October, and notified that they had unanimously chosen *Robert Paget* and *William Bowyer* their Fellow-citifens to be Sherifs for the next ensuing year; Praying they may be admitted to that Office. And they were admitted (f). S E C T. XXIX. XXX. XXXI.

XXX. On the Morrow of SS *Simon and Jude* in the Twentyninth year of K *Henry VIII*, Sir *John Aleyn* and Sir *Ralph Waren* Knights, Citifens and Aldermen of *London*, and several other Aldermen and Citifens of the same City, came before the Barons of the Exchequer, and said they had unanimously chosen *Richard Gresham* Citifens and Alderman to be their Mayor for the next year. They Prayed he might be admitted by the said Treasurer Chancellor and Barons. He was admitted by the said Treasurer Chancellor and Barons; and took the usual Oath as it is set-down in the *Red-book* of the Exchequer (g).

XXXI. On the Morrow of SS *Simon and Jude*, in the thirtyeighth year of K *Henry VIII*, divers Citifens and Aldermen of *London* came before the Barons of the Exchequer, and said they had unanimously chosen *Sir Martin Bowes* to be their Mayor for the ensuing year. They prayed he might be admitted to That Office. He was admitted in the usual manner; and took the Oath for his good abearance in the Office, according to the Ordinance or Form prescribed in the *Red-book* of the Exchequer (gg). In the last day of September in the said Thirtyeighth year, several Citifens and Aldermen of *London* came before the Barons, and presented *George Barnes* and *Ralph Aleyn*, whom they said they had chosen to be Sherifs for *London* and *Middelfex* for the following year. The Citifens Prayed the said Sherifs might be admitted to execute That Office. The Barons admitted them as usual.

dictæ, venerunt coram Baronibus hic in Cra-  
stino Sancti Michaelis hoc termino in propriis  
personis suis; Et dicunt se unanimiter elegisse  
Johannem Percyvale & Hugonem Clopton  
Concives suos in Vicecomites Civitatis prædi-  
ctæ ac Comitatus Middelfexiæ pro anno futu-  
ro; Petentes ipsos admitti ad officium illud  
exercendum. Et per dictos Barones ad hoc  
prout moris est admissi sunt. *Mich. Præsen-  
tationes 2 Hen. 7. Rot. 1. a.*

(f) Londonia Middelfexia. Memorandum  
quod Johannes Aleyn Miles, Major Civitatis  
Londoniæ, Johannes Champneys Miles, Ra-  
dulphus Waren, Cives & Aldermanni Civi-  
tatis Londoniæ, & alii quamplures Alder-  
manni & Cives ejusdem Civitatis, venerunt  
coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii, ultimo die  
Octobris hoc Termino in propriis personis  
suis; Ec dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Rober-  
tum Pagett & Willelmum Bowyer Concives  
suos in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ & Co-  
mitatus Middelfexiæ pro anno futuro; pe-  
tentes ipsos ad officium illud exercendum per  
præfatos Barones hic admitti. Et ad hoc per  
eosdem Barones admissi sunt. Et non præ-  
stituerunt sacramenta ob causam annotatam in  
Memorandis de anno Septimo Regis E tertii  
progenitoris Domini Regis nunc videlicet in-  
ter Præsentationes de Termino S Michaelis,  
Rotulo primo. *Mich. Præsentat. 28 Hen. 8.  
Rot. 1.*

(g) Londonia. Memorandum quod Jo-  
hannes Aleyn Miles & Radulphus Waren  
Miles Cives & Aldermanni Civitatis Londo-  
niæ, & alii quamplures Aldermanni & Cives  
ejusdem Civitatis, venerunt coram Baronibus

hujus Scaccarii, in Crastino Apostolorum Si-  
monis & Judæ hoc termino, & dicunt se una-  
nimiter elegisse Ricardum Gresham Civem &  
Aldermannum Civitatis prædictæ in Majorem  
ejusdem Civitatis pro anno futuro; Petentes  
ipsum ad Officium illud exercendum per  
Thesaurarium Cancellarium & Barones hic  
admitti: Qui per eosdem Thesaurarium Can-  
cellarium & Barones ad hoc prout moris est  
admissus est. Et præstitit hic sacramentum  
suum corporale de bene & fideliter se habendo  
in Officio suo prædicto, juxta ordinatio-  
nem inde in rubio Libro hujus Scaccarii folio  
secundo annotatam. *Mich. Præsentationes 29  
Hen. 8. Rot. 1.*

(gg) Londonia. De Martino Bowes Milite  
Majore Civitatis Londoniæ ad Officium Ma-  
joratus ejusdem Civitatis præsentato.

Memorandum quod Radulphus Waren Mi-  
les, & Ricardus Gresham Miles, Cives &  
Aldermanni Civitatis Londoniæ, & alii quam-  
plures Cives & Aldermanni ejusdem Civitatis,  
venerunt coram Baronibus hic in Crastino Ap-  
postolorum Simonis & Judæ hoc Termino,  
& dicunt se unanimi assensu elegisse Marti-  
num Bowes Militem, Civem & Alderman-  
num Civitatis prædictæ, in Majorem ejusdem  
Civitatis pro anno futuro; petentes ipsum ad-  
mitti ad Officium illud. Et per Barones prout  
moris est admissus erat. Et præstitit hic sa-  
cramentum Corporale de se bene & fideliter  
habendo in Officio suo prædicto, juxta ordi-  
nationem inde in rubio libro hujus Scaccarii  
folio secundo annotatam. *Mich. Præsentatio-  
nes 38 Hen. 8. Rot. 1. a.*



CH A P. usual. The Sherifs did not take any Oath of Office in the Court of Ex-S E C T.  
VII. chequer (b). XXXII.

XXXII. On the last day of *September* in the Twentyseventh year of Queen *Elizabeth*, the Mayor Commonalty and Citizens of *London* (that is, certain Principal Citizens representing them in the manner usual upon like occasions) came before the Barons of the Exchequer, and declared that on the First day of *July* last, they chose *Antony Radclyffe* Merchant-taylor and *Henry Prannell* Vintner, to be Sherifs of the City of *London* and County of *Middelfex* for one whole year next ensuing; and they now Presented the said *Antony Radclyffe*; but that they could not now Present the said *Henry Prannell* by reason of his Sickness; However, they Pray that notwithstanding the absence of the said *Henry*, they the said *Antony* and *Henry* may be admitted Sherifs of the said City and County, as had been heretofore usual in like case. On the same day came also *Francis Morgan* and *George Dodd* Wardens of the Company of Vintners, and made oath that the said *Henry Prannell* was dangerously sick. Whereupon, the said *Antony* and *Henry* were admitted Sherifs (bb).

XXXIII. Perhaps

(b) Londonia Midd[elfexia]. De Georgio Barnes & Radulfo Aleyn ad Officium Vicecomitum Civitatis Londoniæ admissis.

Memorandum quod Johannes Gressham Miles, Ricardus Gressham Miles, & Radulphus Waren Miles, Cives & Aldermanni Civitatis prædictæ, & alii quamplures Cives & Aldermanni ejusdem Civitatis, venerunt coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii, ultimo die Septembris hoc Termino in propriis personis suis, Et dicunt se unanimiter elegisse Georgium Barnes & Radulphum Aleyn concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ ac Comitatus Midd[elfexiæ] pro anno futuro; Petentes ipsos admitti ad Officium illud excercendum. Et per ipsos ad hoc prout moris est admissi sunt. Et non præstiterunt sacramenta, ob causam annotatam in Memorandis de anno viiº Regis E tercii, Progenitoris Domini Regis nunc, videlicet inter Præsentationes de Termino Sancti Michaelis Rotulo primo. *Mich. Præsentationes 38 Hen. 8. Rot. 1. a.*

(bb) Londonia. Memorandum quod ultimo die Septembris anno regni Domine Elizabethæ Reginæ nunc xxviiº, venerunt coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis Londoniæ, & dicunt quod cum Dominus Johannes quondam Rex Angliæ Progenitor Domine Reginæ nunc, per cartam suam anno regni sui primo concefferit Civibus Civitatis Londoniæ prædictis, prædecessoribus præfatorum Majoris & Communitatis ac Civium, Vicecomitatum Londoniæ & Midd[elfexiæ], cum omnibus rebus & consuetudinibus eisdem pertinentibus, infra Civitatem & extra, per terras & per aquam, Habendum & tenendum sibi & successoribus suis, de præfato Rege & hæredibus suis, Ac cum præfatus Dominus Johannes quondam Rex Angliæ per eandem Cartam suam concefferit præfatis Civibus, quod faciant de seipsis Vicecomites quoscunque voluerint, & amoveant quando voluerint, ad quod eos quos fecerint Vicecomites præsentent Justiciariis suis, qui respondeant sibi vel Justiciariis suis ad Scaccarium suum de hiis quæ ad prædictum Vicecomitatum pertinerent, prout

per cartam prædictam inter alia plene liquet. Quæ quidem concessiones autoritate Parliamenti Domini Ricardi quondam Regis Angliæ secundi anno regni sui septimo, ac virtute Litterarum patentium Domine Reginæ nunc anno regni sui quarto, ratificatæ & confirmatæ fuerunt. Cumque etiam postea videlicet primo die Julii anno regni prædictæ Domine Reginæ nunc xxviiº supradicto, prædicti Major & Communitas ac Cives, apud Guihald[am] Civitatis prædictæ scituatam in parochia Sancti Laurentii in Veteri Judaismo Londoniæ, secundum formam Cartæ prædictæ ac consuetudinem Civitatis prædictæ, elegerunt Anthonium Radclyffe Civem & Mercatorem Scifforem Londoniæ ac Henricum Prannell Civem & Vintner[um] Londoniæ, essend[os] Vicecomites prædictæ Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Midd[elfexiæ], a xxviiiº die Septembris nunc ultimo præterito, pro uno anno integro tunc proximo sequente, iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives virtute cartæ prædictæ hic nunc præsentant prædictum Anthonium Radclyff, sed quoad præsentationem præfati Henrici Prannell iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives dicunt, quod idem Henricus post prædictum primum diem Julii de quadam infirmitate languebat, & adhuc languidus est in Civitate prædicta, sic quod eum præsentem hic ad hunc diem habere non possunt sine mortis periculo. Nichilominus prædicti Major & Communitas ac Cives humillime petunt, quod absentia prædicti Henrici Prannell pro causa prædicta non obstante, prædicti Anthonius & Henricus hic in hoc Scaccario in Vicecomites Civitatis & Comitatus prædictorum admittantur, prout in consimili casu antehac usitatum fuit. Et ad eundem diem venerunt hic quidam Franciscus Morgan & Georgius Dodd, modo Gardiani Societatis de lez Vyntners Londoniæ, in propriis personis suis; Et sacramentum præstiterunt corporale, quod prædictus Henricus Prannell modo electus unus Vicecomitum dictæ Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Midd[elfexiæ] per Majorem Communitatem ac Cives dictæ Civitatis Londoniæ, & hic in hoc Scaccario præsentandus, pro anno integro nunc proximo



CHAP. XXXIII. Perhaps it may be objected, That in several of the cases abovesaid S E C T.  
VII. (and other like cases), the Persons acting for their Town or Community were at- XXXIII.  
toured

proximo sequente, videlicet a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli prædicto anno xxvii<sup>o</sup>, usque festum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, juxta formam Cartæ prædictæ, ac juxta antiquam consuetudinem hætenus de tempore in tempus usitatam & approbatam, adeo debilis est & tanta infirmitate Corporis pro extrema ægritudine modo detentus, ut absque maximo mortis periculo ad Scaccarium prædictum ad diem & locum consuetos personaliter comparere nequeat. Super quo ob causam præantea allegatam, per præfatos Barones ad hoc prout moris est admissi sunt. Et non præstiterunt sacramentum, ob causam annotatam in Memorandis de anno septimo Regis Edwardi tertii Progenitoris Domine Regine nunc, videlicet inter Præsentationes de Termino Sancti Michaelis Rotulo . . . Mich. Præsentationes 27 Eliz. Rot. — .

*In the Ninth year of K Edward II, when the Sherifs of London were presented at the Exchequer, the Treasurer and Barons required them to take the Oath for their Good Demeaner in that Office; and gave a substantial reason for requiring it, to wit, That whenever a man entred upon a Ministry or Office under the King, he ought to be Sworn to the King to demean himself well therein. This case is set-down in the History of the Exchequer, page 609, column 2. e. The Declaration at that time made by the Treasurer and Barons upon this subject was agreeable to the Usage and Course of the Exchequer; Which Course they could not alter or dispense-with Domino Rege inconsulto. At that time and for some years after, the Sherifs of London refused the said Oath. But in the Seventeenth year of K Edward II, they submitted to take it; Hist. Excheq. page 610, column 2. f. They took it also in the Twentieth year of the same King, as appeareth by the Record here cited. Londonia. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis. Hamo de Chygewell Major, . . Aldermanni, & alii Cives Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus primo die octobris hoc anno, & præsentarunt Ricardum de Rothyng & Rogeum Chauntecler, Concives suos dictæ Civitatis, ad officium Vicecomitatus in Civitate prædicta & Comitatu Middelfexiæ exercendum; petentes ipsos admitti &c. Et admissi sunt. Et præstiterunt sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in officio prædicto. Mich. Præsentationes 20 Edw. 2. Rot. 7. a. in Bundello anni primi Edw. 3. Wherefore the Citizens of London were at length forced to beseech the King to exempt them in this behalf, and to order his Treasurer and Barons of his Exchequer not to distrein or compell the Sherifs to take the said Oath. Accordingly, they obtained from K Edward III a Charter of Exemption, and a Close-writ grounded thereon directed to the said Treasurer and Barons. Whereupon, in the Fourth year of K Edward III, Henry Gysors and Richard Lacer then Presented-Sherifs were excused taking the said Oath at the Exchequer; and the*

*Sherifs when Presented have been from time to time excused taking the same ever since, for ought that I have found. These things are verified by the Records here immediately following.*

Londonia. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis. Johannes de Grantham Major, Aldermanni & tota Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus modo xxx<sup>o</sup> die Septembris, & præsentarunt hic Henricum Gysors & Ricardum Lacer concives suos in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ; supplicantes ipsos admitti ad officium prædictum exercendum. Et admissi sunt. Et quo ad sacramentum &c, dicunt quod Rex nunc concessit per cartam suam pro se & hæredibus suis, . . Civibus Civitatis prædictæ, quod Vicecomites Civitatis & Comitatus prædictorum qui pro tempore fuerint, non distringantur ad faciendum sacramentum hic, nisi super redditionem compoti eorundem; super quo dictum est eis, quod sequantur in Cancellaria de habendo brevi Thesaurario & Baronibus hic super illo &c. Postea detulerunt hic breve de Magno Sigillo, quod est inter Communia de anno quinto hujus Regis, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitanie, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum per cartam nostram concesserimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, Civibus Civitatis nostræ Londoniæ, quod Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ qui pro tempore fuerint, non distringantur ad faciendum sacramentum ad Scaccarium nostrum, nisi super redditionem compoti eorundem, prout in carta prædicta plenius continetur: Vobis mandamus, quod Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ ad faciendum sacramentum ad Scaccarium prædictum, nisi super redditionem compoti eorundem, nullatenus distringatis contra formam cartæ supradictæ. Et districtionem si quam eis ea occasione fieri feceritis sine dilatione relaxari faciatis eisdem. Teste meipso apud Wygorniam xx<sup>o</sup> die Septembris anno regni nostri tertio. Ideo quoad sacramentum hic præstandum sine die. Mich. Præsentationes 4 Edw. 3. Rot. 19. a.

Londonia. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis. Simon de Swanlond Major & Aldermanni & tota Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus primo die Octobris, & præsentarunt hic Robertum de Ely & Thomam Harewold Concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ; supplicantes ipsos admitti ad Officium prædictum exercendum. Et admissi sunt &c; set non præstiterunt sacramentum hic prætextu brevis Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno, & quod irrotulatur in Memorandis anni præcedentis, inter præsentationes de Termino Sancti Michaelis. Mich. Præsentationes 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 17.

Londonia. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis. Johannes



CHAP. turned or deputed by their Community under their Common Seal to act for them. S E C T. VII. It may be answered, That the Records abovesaid give us no ground to make XXXIII.

That Supposition. In truth, when men were appointed by instrument under Common Seal, such Appointment was usually mentioned in the Record of the Transaction. Thus the Citizens of *Saresbiry*, in the Contest between the Bishop of *Saresbiry* and Them, deputed *Philipp Aubyn* and others to Appear and Act for them, by a Letter under the Seal of the Community, which Letter is set-forth in the Record of the Proceedings (i). The Townsmen of *Oxford* used to Present their Mayor yearly to the Barons of the Exchequer, to be Sworn and admitted by them into his Office. They commonly deputed, by a Letter under their Common Seal, some persons of their own Body to Appear in the Exchequer, and on their behalf Present the said Mayor. Their said Letter is generally entred or mentioned in the Record of their Presentation (k). The like method was taken in Presenting

Johannes de Pulteneye Major, Aldermanni & tota Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus modo xxx<sup>o</sup> die Septembris, & præsentarunt hic Andream Aubrey & Johannem de Mokkyng de Somers[e]ta Concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ & Comitatus Midd[el]sex[iæ]; supplicantes ipsos admitti ad officium prædictum exercendum. Et quoad sacramentum dictorum Vicecomitum &c, prædicti Major Aldermanni & Communitas dicunt, ipsos Vicecomites præstitisse sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in officio prædicto coram ipsis Majore & Aldermannis, apud Gihaldam Londonia, prout moris est, & prout singuli Vicecomites Civitatis & Comitatus prædictorum qui pro tempore fuerint hujusmodi sacramentum præstare debent ibidem & non ad Scaccarium hic, ex concessione Regis nunc per cartam suam factam. Civibus Civitatis prædictæ, quod Vicecomites ejusdem Civitatis qui pro tempore fuerint non distringantur ad faciendum sacramentum ad Scaccarium hic, nisi super redditionem compoti eorundem, sicut plenius patet in quodam brevi de Magno Sigillo super hoc, Thesaurario & Baronibus hic alias directo, quod est inter Communia de anno quinto hujus Regis. Quo quidem brevi viso, habitaque consideratione ad præsentationem concessionem & alia præmissa, prædicti Andreas & Johannes Mokkyng admissi sunt tanquam jurati ad officium prædictum exercendum &c. *Mich. Præsentationes 6 Edw. 3. Rot. 23.*

Londonia. De Vicecomitibus præsentatis. Johannes de Pulteneye Major, Johannes de Grantham Gregorius atte Shire Johannes de Preston Aldermanni, & tota Communitas Civitatis Londoniæ, venerunt hic coram Baronibus modo xxx<sup>o</sup> die Septembris, & præsentarunt hic Nicholaum Pyk & Johannem Husebond Concives suos, in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ & Comitatus Middlesex[iæ]; supplicantes ipsos admitti ad Officium prædictum exercendum. Et admissi sunt. Et non præstiterunt hic sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in eodem Officio, prætextu brevis de Magno Sigillo inter Communia de anno quinto hujus Regis, & ob causam annotatam in Memorandis anni præcedentis, inter præsentationes de Terminis Sancti Michaelis. *Mich. Præsentationes 7 Edw. 3. Rot. 1. a.*

*It appeareth by many of the Sections in this Chapter, that a mistake hath crept into the Entries of the Presentations of the Sheriffs of London; namely, They referr to the Seventh year of K Edward III; whereas they ought to have referred to the Fourth or Sixth year of That King. A misreference once begunn hath produced many misreferences.*

(i) *Rilys Plac. Parl. p. 273. ad ann. 33 Edw. 1.*

k Oxonia. De Majore præsentato. Communitas Villæ Oxoniæ præsentavit coram Thesaurario & Baronibus modo ix<sup>o</sup> die Octobris, Johannem de Dokelington Majorem suum Villæ prædictæ per Literas suas patentes in hæc verba. — Prætextu quarum Literarum prædictus Johannes admissus est &c. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in Majoratu prædicto. *Mich. Communia 1 Edw. 2. Rot. 29. a. inter Præsentationes.*

Præsentatio Majoris Villæ Oxoniæ. Burgenfes Oxoniæ præsentarunt coram Tenente locum Thesaurarii & Baronibus hic modo in Craftino sancti Michaelis, Johannem de Dokelington Majorem suum per Literas suas patentes in hæc verba. Venerandæ discretionis viro ac Domino suo Domino Waltero Reginaldi, Dei gratia Wygornienfi Electo, ac Domini Regis Angliæ Illustris Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario ejusdem Domini Regis, sui si placet Major & Ballivi & tota Communitas Burgenfium Villæ Oxoniæ, salutem cum omni reverentia & honore. Dominacioni vestræ reverendæ significamus per præsentantes nos unanimi assensu & consensu nostro, elegisse dilectum Conburgensem nostrum Johannem de Dokelington præfencium exhibitorem in Majorem nostrum, & eundem vobis mittimus præsentandum, supplicantes humiliter & devote, quatinus ipsum ad Officium Majoratus prædicti admittere velit. Datum apud Oxon[iam] die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno supradicto. Prætextu quarum Literarum prædictus Johannes admissus est &c. Et præstitit sacramentum de bene & fideliter se habendo in hiis quæ ad Officium Majoratus pertinent. *Mich. Præsentationes 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 45. a.*

Oxonia. De Majore præsentato. Major. Ballivi & tota Communitas Burgenfium Villæ Oxoniæ significarunt Thesaurario & Baronibus



CHAP. Presenting the Bailifs of *Ipswich* (l), and the Mayor of *Northampton* (m). In S E C T.  
VII. truth, when Comburgeſſes were deputed by Instrument under Common Seal to act XXXIII.  
for their Community, it was ſo done chiefly to the intent to bind the Principals  
the faſter, and to give aſſurance that they would not recede from their act or en-  
gagement.

bus hic, modo die Mercurii proximo poſt fe-  
ſtum S Michaelis, per Literas ſuas patentes,  
datas apud Oxoniam die Veneris proximo an-  
te idem feſtum ſancti Michaelis hoc anno no-  
no, ſe de Communi aſſenſu ſuo elegiſſe Jo-  
hannem de Dokelyngton Comburgenſem ſuum  
in Majorem Villæ prædictæ, & eundem Jo-  
hannem mittunt hic præſentandum, ſuppli-  
cantes præſatis Theſaurario & Baronibus ip-  
ſum Johannem ad Officium Majoratus prædi-  
cti admitti &c. Et admiſſus eſt; & præſti-  
tit ſacramentum de bene & fideliter ſe ha-  
bendo &c. *Mich. Præſentationes 9 Edw. 2.*  
*Rot. 118. b.*

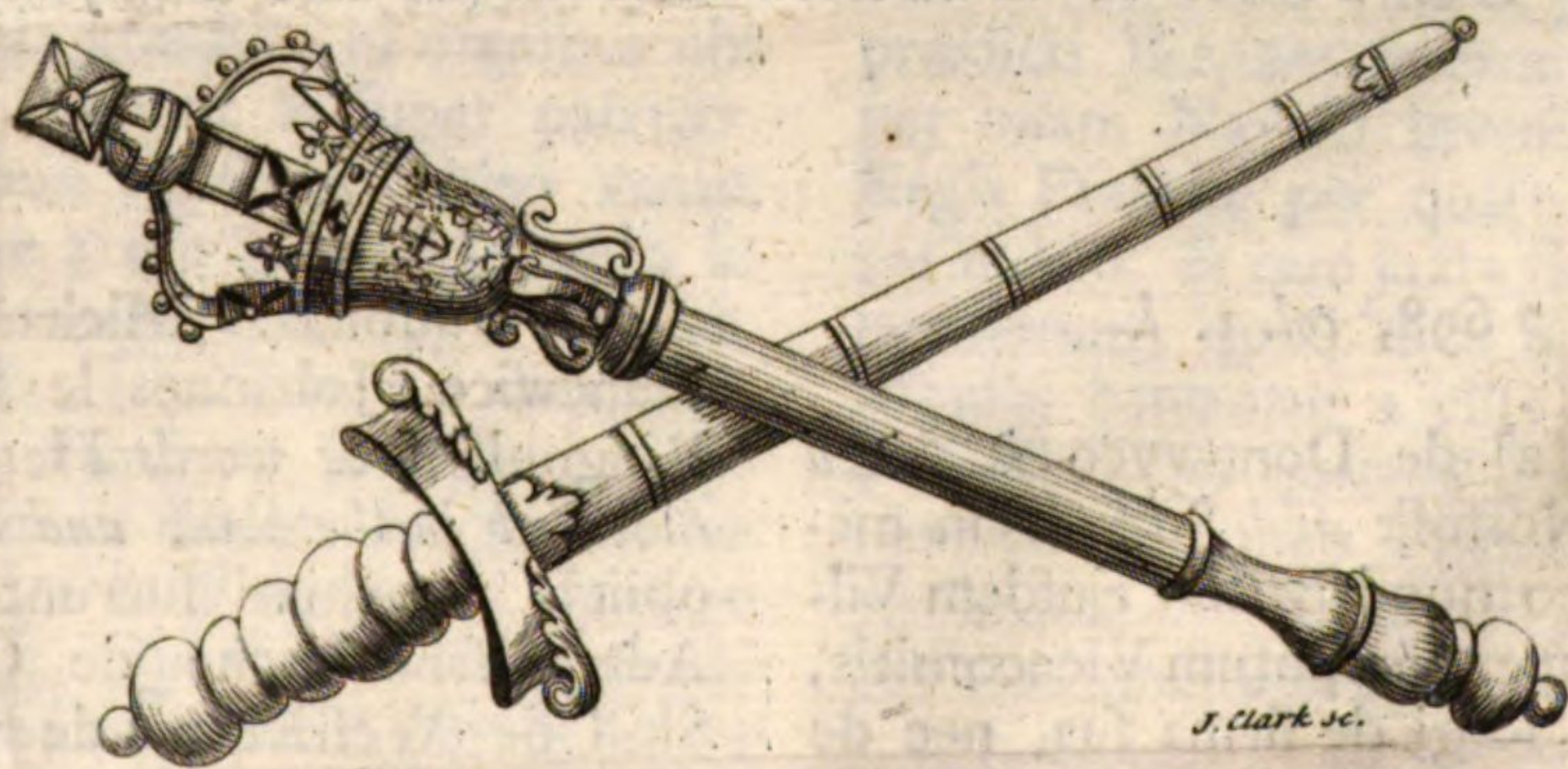
(l) Præſentatio Ballivorum Villæ Gyppe-  
wyci. Burgenſes Villæ Gipewyci præſenta-  
runt coram Tenente locum Theſaurarii &  
Baronibus hic, modo in Craſtino Sancti Mi-  
chaelis Ballivos ſuos Villæ prædictæ, per Li-  
teras ſuas patentes in hæc verba. Viris Ve-  
nerabilibus & discretis, Dominis Theſaurario  
& Baronibus de Scaccario Domini Regis An-  
gliæ, ſui humiles & devoti Burgenſes tocius  
Communitatis Villæ Gipewyci, ſi placet, ſa-  
lutem cum omni reverencia & honore. Sci-  
atis — &c. In cujus rei teſtimonium, Sigil-  
lum noſtrum commune præſentibus eſt ap-  
penſum. Datum apud Gyppewycum xxvi die  
Septembris, anno regni Regis E filii Regis  
E ſecundo. Prætextu quarum Literarum  
prædicti Thomas & Thomas admiſſi ſunt &c;  
& præſtiterunt ſacramentum de bene & fide-  
liter ſe habendo in Balliva prædicta. *Mich.*  
*Communia 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 45. a. inter Præſen-*  
*tationes.*

Suffolcia. De Ballivis Gyppewyci præſen-  
tatis. Burgenſes & tota Communitas Villæ  
Gyppewyci ſignificarunt Theſaurario & Baro-  
nibus hic, modo die Martis in Craſtino ſan-  
cti Michaelis, per Literas ſuas Patentes, da-  
tas apud Gyppewycum xxvi die Septembris  
hoc anno nono, ſe elegiſſe Laurentium Cobbe  
& Gilbertum Robert, Comburgenſes ſuos  
Villæ prædictæ, Ballivos ejuſdem Villæ, & ſe  
aſſignaffe Thomam filium Thomæ Stace &  
Willelmum de Croſfeld, vel alterum eorum  
ſi ambo &c, ad præſentandum præſatos Lau-  
rentium & Gilbertum coram præſatis The-  
ſaurario & Baronibus hic modo in craſtino ſu-

prædicto &c. Et ſupplicarunt quod iudem The-  
ſaurarius & Barones ipſos Laurentium & Gil-  
bertum, ad præſentationem prædictam ad-  
mittere velint. Et ſunt admiſſi. Et præſti-  
terunt ſacramentum de bene & fideliter ſe  
habendo &c. *Mich. Præſentationes 9 Edw. 2.*  
*Rot. 118. a.*

(m) Præſentatio Majoris Villæ Norhamto-  
niæ. Robert Fitz-Henry and Seven others here  
named Burgenſes Villæ Norhamtoniæ, & ejuſ-  
dem Burgi communitas, modo quinto die  
Octobris miſerunt Theſaurario & Baronibus  
hic Literas ſuas Patentes, communi ſigillo  
Villæ prædictæ ſigillatas in hæc verba. *They*  
*Preſent Alexander de Naileſworth. Prætex-*  
*tu quarum Litterarum prædictus Alexander*  
*admiſſus eſt ad officium prædictum ex gratia*  
*Curie; & præſtitit ſacramentum &c. Mich.*  
*Præſentationes 34 & 35 Edw. 1. Rot. 25. a.*

Præſentatio Majoris Villæ Norhamtoniæ,  
Burgenſes Villæ Norhamtoniæ præſentarunt  
coram Tenente locum Theſaurarii & Baroni-  
bus hic, modo in Craſtino S Michaelis, Jo-  
hannem de Staunford Majorem ſuum, per Li-  
teras ſuas patentes in hæc verba. Venerabili  
viro & discreto, Domino Waltero Reynaud  
Theſaurario, ac Baronibus de Scaccario Do-  
mini Regis, Pentecoſt de Kerſalton Petrus  
de Leyceſtre Robertus de Bedeford Adam  
Whitman Robertus de Catworth Willelmus  
Mont Walterus de Pateſhull, Burgenſes Vil-  
læ Norhamptoniæ, & ejuſdem Burgi Com-  
munitas, ſalutem in Domino ſempiternam.  
Noveritis quod nos, una cum tota Commu-  
nitate ejuſdem Villæ, elegimus dilectum no-  
bis in Chriſto Johannem de Staunford Con-  
burgenſem noſtrum, ad Officium Majoritatis  
—. In cujus rei teſtimonium, has Literas  
noſtras communi Sigillo noſtro ſignatas fieri  
fecimus Patentes. Datum apud Norhamton  
die Veneris proximo poſt feſtum Sancti Ma-  
thæi Apoſtoli, anno regni Regis E filii Regis  
E ſecundo. Prætextu quarum Litterarum  
prædictus Johannes admiſſus eſt &c. Et præ-  
ſtitit ſacramentum de bene & fideliter ſe ha-  
bendo in hiis quæ ad Officium Majoratus per-  
tinent. *Mich. Præſentationes 2 Edw. 2. Rot.*  
*45. a.*





## CHAPTER VIII.

I, *Anciently a Corporate Community might be answerable for the Trespass or Debt of Particular persons members thereof; And Particular members for the Trespass or Debt of the Community. Examples hereof:*

II, London.

III, Donewich.

IV, Dovor.

V, Newcastle upon Tyne.

VI, London.

VII, Rochester.

VIII, Winchester.

IX, *This is also confirmed by the old method of summoning Sex de ditionibus. Instances hereof.*

X, Menstrewurth.

XI, Havering.

XII, Holeford and Greston.

XIII, Southamton.

XIV, Stamford.

XV, Northamton.

XVI, Grimsby.

XVII, York.

XVIII, Norwich.

XIX. Winchester.

XX. Conclusion.

I.



Nciently a Corporate Town was answerable for the Trespass or Debt of Particular Townsmen; and Particular Townsmen for the Trespass or Debt of the Town or Community.

II. In the Thirtieighth year of K Henry III, *John de Norhamton* and *Richard Pikard* Sherifs of London were committed prisoners to the Marshall of the Exchequer for *Queens-gold*. And because the Mayor and Citizens did not suffer the Sherifs to distrein for the said *Queens-gold*, the Liberty of the City was taken into the Kings hand (a).

III. In the Fiftysecond year of K Henry III, the Town of *Donewich* was seized into the Kings hand, because the Bailifs of the Town did not appear upon the Sherifs Account, to answer to the King for their Ferme, and for the other Debts that issued to them in the Summonce (b).

In the Twentyfirst year of K Edward I, *Adam Ofthechirche* and *Adam Skill* brought an action in the Court of Kings Bench against *Michael* son of *John* and others Bailifs of *Dunwich*, for that when the Plaintifs delivered a Writ or Warrant to the Defendants, under the authentick and known Seal of the Sherif of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and demanded due execution thereof to be Done, the Defendants took and imprisoned the Plaintifs. The Defendants were found guilty by a Jury. Whereupon the Court gave Judgment, That the Plaintifs do recover their damages for the said Trespass, And that the Liberty of *Dunwich* be taken into the Kings hand, And that the Kings Sherif and Bailifs of the County do execute all Royal offices in the Town of *Dunwich* like as in the Body of the County of *Suffolk* (bb).

IV. In

(a) *Hist. Exch.* p 698, col. 1. l.

(b) *Suff. Vill[a] de Donewyco is seized by the Sherif of Norfolk and Suffolk in manum Regis, pro eo quod Ballivi ejusdem Villæ non fuerunt super compotum Vicecomitis, ad respondendum Regi de firma sua, nec de aliis debitis quæ eis veniunt in Summonitione —. Memoranda 52 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. a.*

(bb) *Suffolcia. Michael filius Johannis de Donewico, Johannes le Folur, & Henricus Ringhulf [the words Henricus Ringhulf are cancelled in the Roll, and over them is written obiit], attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Adæ Ofthechirche de Cnodehale & Adæ Skill de Westleton, de placito quare cum Dominus Rex præceperit Vicecomiti, quod juste & sine dilatione replegiare faceret Abbati de*



CHAP. IV. In the threeandthirtieth year of K *Edward I*, certain persons of the Town S E C T.  
VIII. or Port of *Dovor* had committed a Rescue. The Barons or Men of *Dovor* were IV. V.  
 Fined for it. Their Fine or Composition was, that they should Find a Ship at

their own charges to serve against the *Flemings*. They neglected to Find it. For That neglect and contempt they were attached to answer at the Parliament. They appeared there. Upon the matter, the King with the advice of his Council in Full Parliament Willed and Adjudged, That the said Barons of the Town of *Dovor* should be banished from their Town for Four months, and afterwards should come to the Kings Exchequer and make Fine for their said Trespas (c).

V. In or about the Nineteenth year of K *Edward III*, the Town of *Newcastle* upon *Tyne* and its Liberties were taken into the Kings hand, for Trespas of the Mayor and Commonalty (d).

VI. In

de Leyfton catalla sua —, *they took and imprisoned the plaintiffs* —; dampna habent ad valenciam quadraginta librarum, & in despectum Domini Regis centum librarum. Et inde producant sectam &c.

Et prædicti Michael Johannes & Henricus venerunt, & defendunt vim & injuriam quando &c. Et super hoc Augustinus le Clerk Ballivus Burgi de Donewico [venit], & proferit Cartam Domini Regis nunc —, unde petit prædictam Libertatem sibi allocari &c.

Et prædicti Adam & Adam dicunt, quod ipsi tulerunt returnum brevis Domini Regis ad prædicta catalla deliberanda in forma prædicta, sub sigillo Castri Norwici, quod est sigillum Vicecomitis Comitatus prædicti perpetuum, & auctorizatum, & cognitum per totum Comitatum, ad hujusmodi returnum, & similiter ad returnum brevium coram quibuscunque Justiciariis Domini Regis faciendum. Et sic fuerunt Nuncii Domini Regis in hoc. Et prædicti Michael & alii tunc ballivi villæ prædictæ ipsos ea ratione ceperunt & inprisonaverunt. Et bene dicunt, quod ipsi returnum prædicti brevis sibi in forma prædicta detulerunt, in Regis contemptum. Et hoc offerunt verificare &c. Et desicut prædicta transgressio facta fuit in contemptum Regis, prout breve & querela ipsorum Adæ & Adæ testantur, petunt judicium si prædicti Michael & alii hic in Curia Regis eis inde non debeant respondere &c. Et quia prædicta transgressio si facta fuisset prædictis Adæ & Adæ, in contemptum Regis facta fuit; Et sic est Dominus Rex pars querelæ prædictæ; dictum est prædictis Michaeli & aliis quod respondeant hic ulterius, salva eis alias libertate sua prout eis salvari debeat &c. Qui quidem Michael & alii dicunt, quod in nullo sunt culpabiles de transgressione prædicta. Et [de] hoc, salva sibi libertate sua prædicta in omnibus ubi ea salvari debeat, ponunt se super patriam. Et Adam & Adam similiter. Ideo veniat Jurata coram Rege a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies ubicunque &c, Quia tam &c. Postea a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies anno regni Regis nunc vicesimo secundo, venerunt prædicti Adam & Adam, Michael filius Johannis & Johannes le Folour; & similiter Juratores venerunt; Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicti Adam & Adam tulerunt returnum prædicti brevis, de catallis prædicti Abbatis prædictis deliberandis, præ-

dictis Michaeli & Johanni Ballivis de Donewico, & quod iidem Michael & Johannes ipsos Adam & Adam ea ratione ceperunt & inprisonaverunt per octo dies, contra pacem Regis &c. Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Adam & Adam recuperent dampna sua, quæ taxantur per Juratores per discretionem Justiciariorum ad quinque marcas, versus prædictos Michaellem & Johannem. Et ipsi capiuntur &c. Et quia prædicti Ballivi de Donewico prædictis Adæ & Adæ qui fuerunt Nuncii Regis & ballivi, prætextu Libertatis suæ de Donewico deliquerunt, capiatur prædicta Libertas in manum Regis &c. Et Vicecomes & ballivi Regis Comitatus faciant officia Regalia in prædicta Villa de Donewico, sicut in corpore Comitatus, quousque &c. Postea venit Michael filius Johannis de Donewico, & fecit finem cum Domino Rege per unam marcā, per plegium Willelmi de Cokeley de Comitatu Suffolciæ. Et idem Michael fecit finem cum Domino Rege pro prædicto Johanne le Folour per dimidiam marcā. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod superfeedat &c.

Dampna v marcæ.

*Trin. Plac. coram Rege 21 Edw. I. Rot. 6. b.*

(c) Cum Nicholas de Segrave—. Et quia præfati Barones navem prædictam quam in obsequio ipsius Regis Franciæ juxta finem prædictum ut prædicitur invenisse debuerant, negligenter & in contemptum domini Regis invenire non curarunt, attachiati sunt per breve domini Regis dicto Constabulario postmodum directum essendi ad istud Parlamentum Regis, super præmissis responsuri. Qui venerunt. Et dominus Rex, habita de Consilio suo consideratione ad præmissa, in pleno Parlamento suo vult & præcipit, quod quia prædicti Barones fecerunt finem cum Rege per unam Navem inveniendam in obsequio Regis Franciæ per quatuor menses ad custus eorundem, & eam juxta finem prædictum non invenerunt, quod dicti Barones per quatuor Menses baniantur a villa sua prædicta —. Et post dictos quatuor menses prædicti Barones veniant coram Thesaurario & Baronibus ad Scaccarium domini Regis, & finem faciant pro transgressione prædicta. *Rileys Plac. Parl. p 287, 288.*

(d) *Chap. 11. sect. 3. subsection 18.*



CHAP. VI. In the reign of K *Richard II*, certain persons of high Rank were by a Pa-S E C T. tent-Letter of the Great Seal appointed Justices to Enquire of all and singular errors defects and misprisions, committed in the City of *London*, through want of VI. VII. Good government of the Mayors Sheriffs and Aldermen, and not corrected and re- VIII. formed by the said Mayor Sheriffs and Aldermen, according to the duty of their Office. *William Venour* late Mayor, *John Loveneye* and *John Walcote* late Sheriffs, *William Baret*, *Nicolas Exton*, and several others, late Aldermen of the said City, were indicted before the said Justices, for that they did not correct or punish divers misprisions and defects Done in the City through want of Good-government of the persons abovenamed; and they were prosecuted before the said Justices until they were convicted thereof; whereupon the said Justices Adjudged; That the King should have of the said late Mayor Sheriffs and Aldermen, for their First default one thousand marks, for their Second default two thousand marks, and that for their Third default the Liberty of the City should be taken into the Kings hand. The said Liberty was accordingly taken into the Kings hand; and remained in His hand, until he was pleased, at the Queens request, to restore it to the Sheriffs Aldermen and Citifens (e). Here the Liberty of the City was seised into the Kings hand for the Default of the Mayor Sheriffs and Aldermen.

VII. Again; A Town committed a Misdemeaner in harbouring a Thief. Particular Townsmen were punished for it. For example. In the Thirtythird year of K *Henry III*, certain of the Kings Men of *Rocheſter* wre committed to prison for a Thief who was taken in their Town having *Compters* of the Exchequer about him which he had stolen. Afterwards the King of his grace commanded those Men to be released from prison, and that they should be pledges each for other (f).

VIII. In the Thirtythird year of K *Edward I*, *Bernard de Pereres* an Hostage of *Bayonne* was sent by the Kings order to the Mayor and Bailifs of *Wincheſter* to be safely kept. They let him escape. The King by Writ under his Great Seal, directed to the said Mayor and Bailifs, commanded, That they, together with Six

(e) Pro Vicecomitibus Aldermannis & Civibus Londoniæ.

Rex omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper per Literas nostras patentes assignaverimus carissimos Avunculos nostros Edmundum Ducem Eboraci & Thomam Ducem Glouceſtriæ ac quosdam alios Justiciarios nostros, ad inquirendum de omnibus & singulis erroribus defectibus & mesprisionibus in Civitate nostra Londoniæ pro defectu bonæ gubernationis Majorum Vicecomitum & Aldermannorum ejusdem Civitatis qui pro tempore fuerunt qualitercunque & quodocunque usitatis, & per eosdem Majores Vicecomites & Aldermannos juxta officii sui debitum minime correctis & reformatis, & ad præmissa omnia & singula tam ad sectam nostram quam aliorum quorumcunque coram præfatis Justiciariis nostris conqueri volencium secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ audiendum & terminandum ac corrigendum reformandum & puniendum, juxta formam cujusdam Statuti tempore carissimi Domini & Avi nostri Regis Edwardi defuncti inde editi & provisi, prout in Literis prædictis plenius continetur: Coram quibus quidem Justiciariis nostris Willelmus Venour nuper Major, Johannes Loveney & Johannes Walcote nuper Vicecomites, Willelmus Baret Nicholaus Exton Willelmus Brampton Willelmus Wotton Johannes Hende Willelmus Oliver Willelmus More Johannes Frosſher Thomas Welford & prædictus Willelmus Venour Johannes Fran-

ceys Henricus Vanner & Adam Carlill nuper Aldermannii Civitatis nostræ prædictæ indictati fuerunt, de eo quod ipsi diversos mesprisiones & defectus factos in Civitate nostra prædicta pro defectu gubernationis suæ in eadem Civitate non correxerunt neque punierunt, ac processus versus eos coram præfatis Justiciariis nostris factus fuerit, quousque ipsi inde convicti fuissent: Super quo consideratum fuit per dictos Justiciarios nostros, quod nos habemus de præfatis nuper Majore Vicecomitibus & Aldermannis pro primo defectu suo mille marcas, & pro secundo defectu suo duo milia marcarum, & pro eorum tercio defectu quod libertas Civitatis nostræ prædictæ caperetur in manum nostram: Quæ quidem Libertas in manum nostram sic capta, in dicta manu nostra adhuc remanet ex causa supradicta. Nos de gratia nostra speciali, ex certa scientia nostra, & ad supplicationem carissimæ Consortis nostræ Reginæ, concessimus Vicecomitibus & Aldermannis, ac omnibus Civibus Civitatis nostræ prædictæ, quod habeant omnes Libertates & franchises sic seſitas in manum nostram, ac eis gaudeant & utantur modo & forma quibus illas habuerunt & eis gaudebant & utebantur ante judicium de dicta Libertate in manum nostram sic capienda redditum, quousque aliter ordinaverimus pro eisdem. In cujus &c, Teste Rege apud Wodeſtok xix die Septembris. Per breve de privato Sigillo. Pat. 16 Ric. 2. pars 2. m. 31.

(f) Hist. Excheq. p 711. u.



CHAP. Six of the more Discreet and more Substantial Citizens of the said City, for the SECT. VIII. Community of the same City, should Appear before the King and his Council in IX. X. XI. the next Parliament, to answer for the said Escape. At the Day prefixed, *Laurence de Anne* Mayor of the said City, *Thomas de Holepite* Bailif, and *John de Tytyng*, *Roger de Inkepenne*, *Roger le Lung*, *Peter Nuttly*, *Robert de Littleton*, *John de Anne*, and *William de Weng*, Citizens of the said City, for the Community of the said City, came before the King and his Council in Parliament. Upon their Confession of the Escape, it was Adjudged, that the said Mayor Bailif and Citizens, for the whole Community aforesaid, be committed to Prison. And the King commanded the Sherif of *Hamshire* to take the City of *Winchester* and the Liberty thereof with the appurtenances into the Kings hands, and to answer to the King at his Exchequer for the issues of the said City and Liberty. The Sherif of *Hamshire* seized the same accordingly (g). XII.

IX. This is also confirmed by the old method of Summoning *Sex de ditioribus*. When a Town or Community were to Appear in one of the Kings Courts of Law, it was usual for the King or Such one of his Courts to order, that Particular Townsmen should Appear and Answer for the Community. Those Particular Townsmen were commonly styled *Sex* (or some other Number) *de ditioribus* & *discretioribus* of Such Town, or *Sex de legalioribus* & *discretioribus*, or in such-like words. This was so common a thing, that it cannot easily escape the observation of any man that is conversant in Ancient membranes. A few examples may be produced.

X. In the Twentyeighth year of *Henry III*, the Sherif of *Gloucestershire* was commanded by Writ, to summon into the Exchequer such a day, *William de Bonefeld* and Five others of the Better and Richer Men of the Town of *Menstrewurth*, to answer to the King for the Ferme of the Town for the preceding year (h).

XI. In the Fortieth year of *K Henry III*, the Sherif of *Essex* was commanded by Writ of *Venire facias*, to summon the Bailif of the Manour of *Havering*, and Six of the Better and Richer men of that Manour, before the Barons of the Exchequer, to shew by what Warant they tallaged *Richard de Wygeden* (i).

XII. In the One and twentieth year of *K Edward I*, *Philipp Russel* and *William Barun* Merchants of *Northampton* were robbed of their money upon the Kings High-way. They sue the Hundred. A Writ issueth to the Sherif of *Gloucestershire*, commanding him to summon Four Good Men of the Hundred wherein the said Robbery was committed, to appear in the Court of *Kings Bench* at a certain day, to shew cause why the Merchants should not recover their damages. At the Day prefixed the Merchants appeared in the Court of *Kings Bench*. *Ralf de Grete*, *John de Aston*, *William de Aspin*, and *Hugh de Cokebury*, Four Men of the Parts where the Robbery was said to be committed, being summoned did likewise appear. The Merchants Declared their Cause of Suit. The Four Men Plead. Upon Issue joined, the Jury Found for the Merchants. Thereupon Judgment is given, that the Merchants shall recover their Money against the Men of the Hundreds of *Holeford* and *Greston*, according to the form of the Kings Statute (k).

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(g) *Rileys Plac. Parl.* p 278.

(h) *Glouc[estresire]*. Mandatum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat coram Baronibus de Scaccario, a die sancti Martini in tres septimanas, Willelmum de Bonefeld & quinque alios de melioribus & ditioribus hominibus de Menstrewurth, ad respondendum Regi de firma villæ suæ de anno xxvii. *Memoranda* 28 *Hen. 3. Rot. 3. a.*

(i) *Hist. Excheq.* p 513. col. 2. e.

(k) *Gloucestria*. Præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, quod audita querela Philippi Russel &

Willelmi Barun Mercatorum Northamptoniæ, de quadam Roberia eis in Comitatu præfato facta, eisdem Philippo & Willelmo debitum & festinum justiciæ complementum juxta formam Statuti Regis apud Wyntoniam editi, fieri faceret, vel causam Regi significaret quare mandata Regis tocies sibi inde directæ exequi noluit vel non potuit: Ac idem Vicecomes, licet per inquisitionem inde autoritate mandatorum Regis prædictorum per ipsum Vicecomitem factam inveniebat, quod Roberia illa facta fuerat per malefactores ignotos qui per patriam illam arrestari non potuerunt, S f ipsis



CHAP. XIII. As this was the manner or usage in the case of a Hundred, Manour, or S E C T. VIII. Town not Corporate, so it was also the manner in the case of a Town Corporate. XIII.

For instance. In the Thirteenth year of K *John*, the Townsmen of *Southampton* or some of them had gotten into their hands a large sum of the Kings money that came from *Ireland*. The Two Bailifs and Six Principal Men of the Town are charged in the *Great Roll* with That money, upon a Certificate made by the Bishop of *Norwich* one of the Kings Justiciers, and they found Pledges to answer it to the King (1).

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ipsis tamen mercatoribus de roberia illa juxta formam Statuti prædicti [justitiam] facere, vel causam significare quare noluit vel non potuit hoc facere, non curabat, prædictis mercatoribus de Roberia prædicta plenam & celerem justiciam juxta formam statuti prædicti faceret exhiberi, vel esset coram Rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ultimo præteritum ubicunque &c, ostensurus quare mandata Regis &c facere noluit vel non potuit &c: ac Vicecomes ad eundem diem returnavit, quod breviam prædicta prius ei inde directa exequi non potuit ob defectum cujusdam Johannis de Acton Custodis pacis Regis in Comitatu prædicto, qui in brevibus illis secum conjunctus fuit ad mandata illa exequenda, eo quod idem Johannes non venit ad dies & loca prædictis Mercatoribus per ipsum Vicecomitem data ad exequendum breviam prædicta juxta tenorem eorundem: Per quod eidem Vicecomiti præceptum fuit, quod venire faceret coram Rege hic ad hunc diem, scilicet in quindena S Trinitatis &c, quatuor liberos & legales homines de Hundredo ubi prædicta Roberia facta fuit, ad ostendendum siquid pro se haberent vel dicere scirent, quare prædicti Mercatores dampna sua quæ sustinuerunt occasione roberia prædictæ juxta formam statuti prædicti habere non deberent, & ulterius facturi & recepturi quod justum est in hac parte &c. Et modo veniunt prædicti Philippus Russel & Wilhelmus Barun, & similiter quidam Radulphus de Grete Johannes de Aston Somerville Wilhelmus de Aspin de Werminton & Hugo de Cokebury, quatuor homines partium illarum ubi prædicta roberia fieri debuisset, veniunt. Et prædicti Philippus & Wilhelmus dicunt, quod prædictus Philippus deprædatus fuit de decem marcis & dimidio & tribus solidis, Et prædictus Wilhelmus deprædatus fuit de quatuordecim marcis & duodecim solidis, in quodam bosco juxta villam de Pinnokscire in Hundredo de Holeford & Greston die Dominica proxima ante festum S Kenelmi martiris anno regni Regis nunc decimo nono, circa horam meridiei; unde dicunt quod dampnum habent ad valentiam viginti librarum. Et petunt quod prædicta bona eis deprædata & dampna &c eis restituantur juxta formam Statuti &c.

Et prædicti quatuor Homines dicunt, quod prædicti Philippus & Wilhelmus non fuerunt deprædati de tanta pecunia prout queruntur. Et dicunt quod si de aliqua pecunia fuerunt deprædati, ipsi nec homines de hundredis prædictis secundum formam statuti prædicti non debent eis respondere. Dicunt enim quod locus ubi deprædati fuerunt non est regia strata

&c. Dicunt eciam quod ipsi deprædati fuerunt per quosdam Alanum de Astwode Johannem le Taillur de Ledbury Johannem le Somenur & Walterum de Ebor[aco] & alios; qui quidem latrones ad sectam Hominum partium illarum infra dimidium annum post prædictam roberiam factam ea occasione & aliis capti fuerunt & decollati apud Norton juxta Evesham in Comitatu Wygornia juxta formam Statuti &c. Et de hoc ponunt se super patriam &c.

Et prædicti Philippus & Wilhelmus dicunt, quod prædicti Latrones ipsos in regia strata ceperunt, & ipsos adduxerunt usque ad locum ubi ipsi deprædati fuerunt de tota pecunia & tanta sicut queruntur. Et dicunt quod Homines de Hundredis prædictis recenter Latrones prædictos non sequi fuerunt, nec ipsi ad sectam suam pro roberia prædicta decollati fuerunt. Dicunt enim quod ipsi capti fuerunt & decollati ad sectam cujusdam Ran[ulfi] Capellani, secta Hominum Hundredorum prædictorum omissa. Et hoc petunt inquiri per patriam; Et alii similiter. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Glouc[estria] quod venire faceret coram Rege a die S Michaëlis in xv dies ubicunque &c xviii; Et similiter Vicecomiti Wygorn[ia], quod venire faceret xviii &c, per quos &c, qui nec &c, ad recognoscendum &c, Quia tam &c.

Postea a die Paschæ in xv dies anno regni Regis nunc vicesimo secundo, venerunt prædicti Philippus & Wilhelmus mercatores. Et prædicti quatuor homines non veniunt. Ideo capiatur Jurata versus eos per defaultam. Et Juratores tam de Comitatu Gloucestria quam de Comitatu Wygornia veniunt. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicti Mercatores capti fuerunt in Regia strata prædicta, & ducti ad boscum prædictum per Alanum de Astwode & socios suos, & ibi deprædati fuerunt de pecunia prædicta; & prædicti Mercatores statim postea levaverunt utesum. Et dicunt quod prædicti Alanus & alii Latrones capti fuerunt & decollati ad sectam Vicecomit[is] Wygornia & aliorum Hominum de Comitatu Wygornia, & non ad sectam Hominum patriæ sive partium ubi prædicta deprædatio facta fuit. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædicti Mercatores recuperent prædictam pecuniam versus Homines de Hundred[is] de Holeford & Greston, secundum formam statuti Domini Regis &c. Et prædicti Hundr[eda] in misericordia &c. *Trin. Plac. coram Rege 21 Edw. 1. Rot. 12. b.*

(1) Homines & Bailivi de Suthamton[a], scilicet Rogerus Swein & Wilhelmus Anglicus, Simon



CHAP. XIV. In the Twentyeighth year of K *Henry III*, the Sherif of *Lincolnshire* was S E C T. VIII. commanded by Writ to summon the Bailifs of the Town of *Stamford*, together XIV.XV. with Six of the Better and Richer Townsmen, to answer to the King for the ar- XVI. rerages of the Ferme of their Town (*m*). XVII. XVIII.

XV. In the Fortieth year of K *Henry III*, *Thomas Kin* Mayor of the Town of *Northampton* and *John le Spicer* came into the Exchequer, and claimed on behalf of the Town to have Return of Writs. But they could shew no Warrant for their Claim. Thereupon the Sherif of *Northamptonshire* was commanded by Writ to summon the Mayor and Bailifs of the Town of *Northampton*, and Twelve of the Better and more Discreet Men of the said Town to appear at the Exchequer on the Morrow of *St Martin*, to Shew to the King for their Whole Town by What Warrant they claimed to have Return of the Kings Writs (*n*).

XVI. In the Fiftysecond year of the same King, a Writ issued to the Sherif of *Lincolnshire* to distrein the Mayor and Six of the Richer and more Discreet Men of *Grymesby* to appear in the Exchequer to answer to the King for their Ferme (*o*).

XVII. In the Fiftythird year of K *Henry III*, the Sherif of *Yorkshire* was commanded by Writ to distrain the Bailifs and Six of the Richer and Discreeter men of the City of *York*, to appear at the Exchequer, and to answer to the King on behalf of themselves and the whole Community of the City, for C marks the Debt of *Stephen Sibry* (*p*).

XVIII. In the Fourteenth year of K *Edward I*, the Kings Citizens of *Norwich* did not observe the Terms granted to them for payment of their debts due to the King. Thereupon the Sherif of *Norfolk* was commanded by Writ to enter their Liberty, and distrein Twelve of the Richer and more Discreet persons of the Community

Simon de Sancto Laur[entio], Robertus Tailiator, Dionisius Fortin, Walterus Flandr[ensis], Rogerus Bonhait, Tomas de Bulehus, [debent] DCC marcas & xs & iii d, de pecunia Regis quæ venit de Hybernia. Per J Norwic[ensem] Episcopum, per plegios ann[otatos] in brevi quod G Salvagius misit Baronibus. *Mag. Rot. 13 Job. Rot. 19. b. Suthampton[a].*

(*m*) Linc[olnscira]. Mandatum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat in Craftino S Hilarii Ballivos villæ de Stamford una cum Sex de probioribus & ditioribus Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad respondendum Regi de arrearagiis firmæ Villæ suæ. Et habeat tunc breve. Teste ut supra. *Memoranda 28 Hen. 3. Rot. 5. a.*

(*n*) Memorandum pro Rege. Thomas Kin Major Norhamtonæ & Johannes Speciarius venerunt coram Baronibus, & recognoverunt quod semper habuerunt returnum brevis Domini Regis. Et cum quæsitum esset ab eis quale Warantum inde habuerunt, nullum ostenderunt. Et Hugo de Maneby Vicecomes Norhamtonæ fuit præsens coram eisdem Baronibus, & recognovit quod ipse fecit eis prædictum returnum, & nullum inde habuit Warantum, set tantum quod invenit eos in seifina de prædicto Turno [*it is Turno in the Roll for returno*] habendo ut dicebat. Et mandatum est Vicecomiti Norhamtonæ, quod venire faciat &c in Craftino Sancti Martini Ma-

jorem & Ballivos de Norhamtona, & xii<sup>cim</sup> de melioribus & discretioribus hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad respondendum Regi pro tota Villata, quare non permittunt Vicecomitem ingredi Villam &c, ad distringendum pro debitis Regis quæ veniunt in Summonitione &c, & quo Waranto exigunt returnum Brevium Regis &c. Et habeat breve. *Ex Mich. Recordo 40 Hen. 3. incip. 41. Rot. 2. a.*

(*o*) Lincoln. pro Rege. Mandatum est Vicecomiti quod distringat &c Majorem & sex de dicioribus & discretioribus Hominibus de Grimesby, quod sint &c in craftino Clausi Paschæ, ad respondendum Regi de firma sua de anno Li<sup>o</sup> & iii<sup>or</sup> annis præteritis. *Ex Memorandis 52 Hen. 3. Rot. 8. a.*

(*p*) Ebor[aciscira], pro Rege. Mandatum est Vicecomiti quod distringat Ballivos & Sex de ditioribus & discretioribus hominibus Ebor[aci] per terras &c, ita quod habeat corpora eorum &c a die Michaelis in xv dies, ad respondendum Regi, pro se & tota Communitate ejusdem Civitatis, una cum Michaele de Sancta Margareta Capellano & sociis suis executoribus testamenti Roberti de Gra, quibus &c, de C marcis quas prædicta Communitas cepit de eisdem executoribus, & unde debet ipsos acquietare versus Regem in partem solutionis debitorum quæ iidem executores Regi debent pro Stephano Sibry, sicut rationabiliter monstrare poterint &c. *Trin. Communia 52 & 53 Hen. 3. Rot. 13. b.*



CHAP. Community to appear and answer for the said debts in the octaves of St *Hilary* S E C T. XIX.XX.

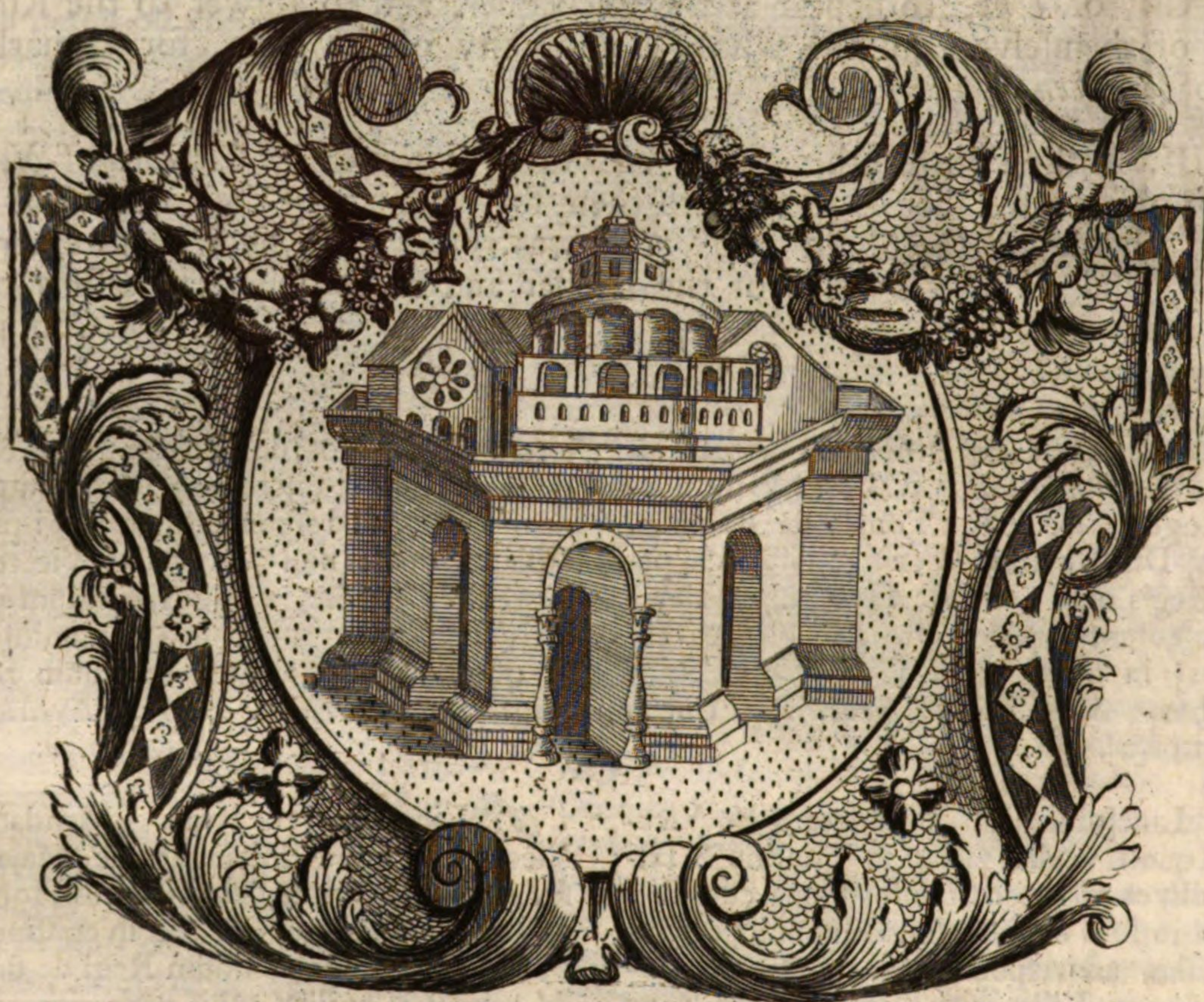
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XIX. In the Three and thirtieth year of K *Edward I*, the Mayor and Bailifs with Six others of the more Discreet and Substantial men of *Winchester*, were summoned to appear before the King and his Council in Parliament, to answer for a Trespass committed by the Townsmen (r).

XX. If then Particular persons might in some cases be answerable for the Trespass Done by their Community; much rather, for the Ferm of their Town, or a Common Debt which touched them All.

(q) *Hist. Exch.* p 681, col. 1, b.

(r) *Hic supra*, cap. 8. sect. 8. p 146.





CHAPTER IX.

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| <p>I. Particular Townsmen might be answerable to the King in their persons or chatells in an Accompt to be rendred for the Ferm of their Town.</p> <p>II. If Sherifs or Bailifs of Towns hapned to be Insolvent, the King might require his Ferm of the</p> | <p>Townsmen. Presidents thereof.</p> <p>III. London.</p> <p>IV. York.</p> <p>V. Kingston upon Hull.</p> <p>VI. Lincoln.</p> <p>VII. Norwich.</p> <p>VIII. Coventry.</p> |
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Y the Ancient and settled Course of the Exchequer, the Sherifs of Towns, the Bailifs, or other Officers who accounted to the King for the Ferme of their Town or other Duties, were answerable to the King in their Own Persons lands and chatells upon their Accompts, that is to say, For not rendring an Accompt, or for Defaults and Contempts in Accompting. This is a thing well known. Many examples of it may be produced. It is verified in the case of the Citisens of Hereford (a), Laurence de Frowik (b), Luke de Batencurt (c), Gervase Cordewaner and Jordan de Coventry (d). Now

the Debt being the Foundation of the Accompt; If Particular men were responsible to the King in their Persons lands or chatells *pro compoto non reddito*, it seemeth reasonable to conclude, that they were responsible in like manner *pro debito non soluto*; If they were responsible *in loquela compoti*, by stronger reason *in loquela debiti*. It is true that in these cases, to wit, *pro compoto non reddito* as well as *pro debito non soluto*, the Kings Officers of his Exchequer might seize the Liberty of the City or Town into the Kings hands. And That was the most usual method and most commonly practised. For example. It was so done in the case of Walingford (e), St Edmund (f), Huntendon (g), York (h), Winchester (i), St Edmund (k), Bedford (l), Canterbury (m), Norwich (n), Portsmouth (o), Appleby (p), Bridgnorth

(a) Hist. Exch. p 699. col. 2. a. anno 14 H. 3.

(b) Ibid. p 669. col. 1. c. anno 32 H. 3.

(c) Ib. p 696. col. 2. q. anno 52 H. 3.

(d) Londonia. Gervasius Cordewaner, Jordanus de Coventr[ia], liberatus est Mar[escallo] eadem die, pro arreragiis firmæ Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus. Memoranda 25 Hen. 3. Rot. 4. b. The like of John de Coudres. Ib. juxt.

(e) Hist. Exch. p 701. col. 1. m. anno 11 H. 3.

(f) Ibid. p 701. col. 1. n. anno 11 H. 3.

(g) Ib. p 701. o. anno 29 H. 3.

(h) Ib. juxt. q. anno 38 H. 3. & ib. r. anno 40 H. 3. & ib. p. 645. col. 1. anno 41 H. 3.

(i) Ib. juxt. s. anno 56 H. 3.

(k) Ib. p 701. t. anno 1 E. 1.

(l) Ib. juxt. u. 14 Edw. 1.

(m) Ib. p 701. x. anno 18 Edw. 1.

(n) Norfolcia. De Civitate Norwici capta in manum Regis. Quia Cives Norwici non

fuerunt super Compotum Vicecomitis Norfolciæ & Suffolciæ in quindena Paschæ, ad respondendum Regi de debitis quæ super eos veniunt in Summonitione, de quibus habent returnum per Vicecomitem. Et quia iidem Cives debent Regi xviii l xvi s iiii d de arreragiis firmæ ejusdem Villæ de anno xv°, Et iiii l de Cremento ejusdem firmæ de eodem anno & anno xvi°, Et eciam quia iidem Cives non servant terminos suos ad Scaccarium de D quater xx xvi l, quas Regi debent de diversis debitis, de quibus atterminati fuerunt ad xl per annum, Prædicta Villa capta est in manum Regis xxi° die Aprilis anno xviii°, Et præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod dictam Villam salvo custodiat donec &c, Ita quod respondeat de exitibus &c, Et interim de bonis & catalis hominum ejusdem Villæ fieri faciat tam arreragia prædictæ firmæ, quam alia debita quæ ei veniunt in Summonitione. Pas. Communia 18 Edw. 1. Rot. —. a.

(o) Hist. Exch. p 702. a. anno 15 E. 2.

(p) King Edward II in the fifth year of his reign took the Town of Appelby into his hand for



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*for the arrerage of their yearly Ferm. The Town remained in the Kings hand a considerable time. The Townsmen came and made Fine to K Edward III; and he restored their Town to them; to be holden by them in the same plight as they held it before the said caption. This appeareth by the following Record.*

Pro Burgenfibus de Appelby. Rex eisdem [viz Archiepiscopis &c] salutem. Inspeximus Cartam confirmationis celebris memorie Domini E quondam Regis Angli avi nostri in hæc verba; EDWARDUS dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquit[aniæ], Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus cartam confirmationis quam Dominus H quondam Rex Angliæ pater noster fecit Burgenfibus de Appelby in hæc verba; Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ Dux Normanniæ Aquitaniæ, & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Forestariis Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus cartam Domini J Regis patris nostri quam fieri fecit Burgenfibus nostris de Appelby in hæc verba; Johannes Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ Dux Normanniæ Aquitaniæ, & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus & omnibus Ministris & fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse & præfenti carta confirmasse Burgenfibus nostris de Appelby, omnes libertates & liberas consuetudines quas Burgenfes nostri de Ebor[aco] habent. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, quod prædicti Burgenfes nostri de Appelby habeant bene & in pace, libere & quiete, plenarie & integre & honorifice, omnes libertates & liberas consuetudines quas Burgenfes nostri de Ebor[aco] habent, sicut Rex Henricus pater noster eas illis concessit & carta sua rationabiliter confirmavit. Et prohibemus ne quis eos inde disturbet. Præterea dedimus & concessimus eisdem Burgenfibus nostris de Appelby, libertates & quietancias de theoloneo & stallagio, & pontagio & lestagio, per totam terram nostram Angliæ, quantum ad nos pertinet, præterquam in Civitate Londoniæ, nisi forte Cives Ebor[aci] quietancias inde habeant per libertates suas in Civitate Londoniæ. Concessimus eciam eis Burgum de Appelby, tenendum in manu sua; Reddendo inde firmam quam debent Vicecomiti nostro Westmerlandiæ apud Appelby, scilicet medietatem ad festum sancti Michaelis & alteram medietatem ad Paschæ. Testibus Gaufrido filio Petri Comite Essexiæ, Willelmo Briwerr, Hugone Ward, Willelmo de Stutevill, R Constabulario Cestriæ, Hugone de Nevill, Simone de Pateshull. Data per manum Simonis Archidiaconi Willensis & Johannis de Gray apud Ebor[acum] vicesimo sexto die Marci anno regni nostri primo. Nos igitur donationem concessionem & confirmationem prædictam gratam & ratam ha-

bentes, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris eam prædictis Burgenfibus nostris de Appelby præfenti carta nostra concedimus & confirmamus. Hiis Testibus, Venerabilibus patribus P Wyntonienfi, J Bathonienfi & W Karliolenfi Episcopis, H de Burgo Comite Kanciæ Justiciario nostro, R Comite Cestriæ & Lincolnæ, Johanne de Lascey Constabulario Cestriæ, Stephano de Segrave, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Godefrido de Craucomb, Ricardo filio Hugonis, & aliis. Data per manum Venerabilis patris R Cicestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westm. quinto die Maii anno regni nostri sexto decimo. Nos autem concessionem prædictas ratas habentes & gratas, eas pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, concedimus & confirmamus, sicut carta & confirmacio prædictæ juste & rationabiliter testantur; volentes & concedentes, quod licet ipsi Burgenfes nostri firmam suam Villæ prædictæ, per manus Vicecomitis nostri Westmerlandiæ, nobis aliquamdiu solvere consueverint, firmam eandem per manus ballivorum ejusdem Villæ decætero solvant ad Scaccarium nostrum, ad terminos consuetos. Hiis Testibus, Venerabilibus patribus G Wygornienfi, R Bathonienfi & Wellensi, W Norwycensi Episcopis, Edmundo fratre nostro, Edmundo Comite Cornubiæ, Henrico de Lascey Comite Lincolnæ, Willelmo de Bello Campo Comite Warrewici, Reginaldo de Gray, Roberto Tibetot, Thoma de Weiland, Roberto filio Johannis, Ricardo de Bosco, Johanne de Haveryng, & aliis. Data per manum nostram apud Westm. vicesimo septimo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri quartodecimo. Nos autem donationem concessionem & confirmationem prædictas ratas habentes & gratas, eas pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dictis Burgenfibus de Appelby, & eorum hæredibus & Successoribus concedimus & confirmamus, sicut carta prædicta rationabiliter testatur, & prout iidem Burgenfes & eorum antecessores libertatibus & quietanciis prædictis hætenus usi sunt rationabiliter & gavisi. Præterea cum celebris memorie Dominus E quondam Rex Angliæ pater noster, vicesimo sexto die Aprilis anno regni sui quinto, prædictam Villam de Appelby, de qua viginti marcæ annuæ sibi debebantur de feodi firma, cepisset in manum suam, pro sexaginta libris quæ aretro fuerunt de eadem firma, sicut per certificationem per Thesaurarium & Barones de Scaccario nostro, ad mandatum nostrum in Cancellaria nostra factam nobis constat, cujus prætextu villa prædicta in manu nostra adhuc existit; Nos per finem quem dicti Burgenfes fecerunt nobiscum, concessimus eis villam prædictam, Habendam ad firmam, sicut ipsi vel prædecessores sui Burgenfes villæ prædictæ eandem villam ad firmam habuerunt & tenerunt ante captionem supradictam. Hiis testibus, Venerabilibus patribus, J Wyntonienfi Episcopo Cancellario nostro, W Norwycensi Episcopo Thesaurario nostro, Johanne de Eltham Comite Cornubiæ fratre nostro carissimo, Willelmo de Monte Acuto, Radulpho de Nevill Senescallo Hospitii nostri, & aliis. Data

SECT.  
I.



CH A P. *Bridgnorth* (q), *Derby* and *Southampton* (r); the Liberty of the AbbotS E C T.  
IX. of *Redyng* of his Manour of *Leominster* (s), the Liberty of Queen *Eliza-* I.  
*beth* Confort to K *Edward* IV (t), the Liberty of the Bishop of *Ely* (u),  
the Liberty of the City of *Worcester* (w), and the Liberty of the Town of  
*Beaford*

ta per manum nostram apud Haveryng atte  
Boure xii<sup>o</sup> die Maii. *Originale* 5 *Edw.* 3.  
*Rot.* 25.

(q) Quia nullus venit super compotum  
Vicecomitis, pro Hominibus Villæ de Brug-  
genorth, ad respondendum Regi de debitis  
Regis levabilibus infra libertatem Villæ præ-  
dictæ, Præceptum est Vicecomiti xxi<sup>o</sup> die Ju-  
nii hoc Termino, quod non omittat propter  
libertatem prædictam quin eam &c, & levari  
faciat debita Regis prædicta, Ita quod ea ha-  
beat hic de die in diem & termino in termi-  
num prout ea levaverit; Et quod de cætero  
non faciat retorna Summonitionum Ballivis  
libertatis prædictæ, pro aliquibus debitis Re-  
gis levandis, donec aliud &c. Postea videli-  
cet septimo die Octobris anno xix<sup>o</sup> Regis  
nunc, Homines Villæ prædictæ venerunt per  
Willelmum Slepe Attornatum suum. Et fe-  
cerunt finem cum Rege pro libertate Villæ  
prædictæ rehabenda, sicut continetur in Me-  
morandis anni sequentis, inter Fines de Ter-  
mino Sancti Michaelis. Et prætextu finis il-  
lius dicta libertas restituitur Hominibus Villæ  
prædictæ septimo die Octobris supradicti.  
*Trin. Præcepta* 18 *Ric.* 2. *Rot.* 3.

(r) Not. Derb. Quia nullus venit super  
hunc compotum pro Hominibus villæ Derbiæ  
in Comitatu prædicto, ad respondendum Re-  
gi de debitis Regis levabilibus infra libertatem  
prædictam, præceptum est Vicecomiti No-  
tingham[sciræ] & Derbi[sciræ] xiiii<sup>o</sup> die Octo-  
bris hoc Termino, quod non omittat propter  
aliquam libertatem quin eam &c, & levari  
faciat debita Regis præscripta, ita quod ea  
habeat hic de tempore in tempus prout ea  
levaverit, Et quod de cætero non fiat retor-  
num Summon[itionum] Ballivis Libertatis  
prædictæ donec aliter &c. Postea Ricardus  
Wryghte & Ricardus Fox Ballivi villæ præ-  
dictæ venerunt coram Baronibus hic, & fece-  
runt finem cum Rege pro Libertate sua re-  
habenda, sicut continetur in hiis Memorandis  
inter Fines de hoc Termino. Quo prætextu  
dicta Libertas restituitur eisdem &c.

Facta summa prædictorum Ricardi Wryght  
& Ricardi Fox nuper Ballivorum prædictæ  
Villæ Derbiæ in propriis personis suis, De-  
bent xxs. De quibus executio fit per Sum-  
monitionem. *Mich. Præcepta* 30 *Hen.* 6.  
*Rot.* 3.

Suhamt[onscira]. Quia nullus venit super  
hunc compotum pro Hominibus villæ Su-  
hamtoniæ, ad respondendum Regi —; *The*  
*like as above, in the case of the Town of Su-*  
*hamton.* *Hil. Præcepta* 30 *Hen.* 6. *Rot.* 2.

(s) Heref. Quia nullus venit super hunc  
compotum pro Abbate de Redyng, ad re-  
spondendum Regi de debitis Regis levabili-  
bus infra Libertatem ipsius Abbatis, Præ-  
ceptum est Vicecomiti quod non omittat prop-

ter aliquam libertatem quin eam &c, & le-  
vari faciat omnia debita Regis præscripta,  
ita quod ea habeat hic de tempore in tempus  
prout ea levaverit, Et quod de cætero non  
fiat retornum Summonitionum Ballivo Liber-  
tatis prædictæ donec aliud &c. Postea Tho-  
mas Barton Ballivus Libertatis dicti Abbatis  
de Redyng in Comitatu prædicto venit hic  
per Johannem Wodeman attornatum suum, &  
fecit finem cum Rege pro Libertate sua re-  
habenda, sicut continetur alibi in hiis Memo-  
randis videlicet inter Fines de hoc Termino.  
*Hil. Præcepta* 16 *Edw.* 4. *Rot.* 4. a.

(t) Surreia, Suffexia. Præcepta facta su-  
per compotum Johannis Wode nuper Vice-  
comitis Comitatum Surreiæ & Suffexiæ, com-  
putantis hic modo in crastino Sancti Hillarii  
hoc Termino —.

Libertas Elizabeth Regina Angliæ capta  
fuit in manum Regis. Et remanet. Sicut  
continetur in Memorandis anni præcedentis  
videlicet inter Præcepta de Termino Sancti  
Hillarii Rotulo ... Postea videlicet xxiii die  
Januarii hoc Termino Robertus Rednesse Bal-  
livus Libertatis dictæ Regina venit hic per  
Johannem Homwode attornatum suum, Et  
fecit finem cum Rege pro Libertate sua reha-  
benda, sicut continetur alibi in hiis Memo-  
r[andis], videlicet inter Fines de hoc Ter-  
mino. *Hil. Præcepta* 16 *Edw.* 4. *Rot.* 1. a.

(u) Cant. Hunt. Præcepta facta super  
Compotum Johannis Claryvaux Armigeri  
nuper Vicecomitis Comitatum Cant[eburgiæ]  
& Hunt[endoniam], computantis hic modo  
in tribus septimanis Michaelis hoc Termino,  
de exitibus Vicecomitatus prædicti, per Wil-  
helmum Grace Attornatum suum, videlicet  
festo S Michaelis anno xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis H vii,  
usque festum S Michaelis tunc proximo se-  
quens.

Quia nullus venit super hunc compotum  
pro Episcopo Eliensi, ad respondendum Re-  
gi de debitis levabilibus infra ballivam dicti  
Episcopi in Comitibus prædictis, præcep-  
tum est Vicecomiti dictorum Comitatum,  
quod non omittat &c, & quod levari faciat  
omnia debita Regis, ita quod ea habeat hic  
de die in diem &c, & quod non fiat retor-  
num Summonitionum ballivo Libertatis præ-  
dictæ, donec aliud &c. Postea prædictus  
Episcopus venit hic per Johannem Burgoyne  
Ballivum suum. Et fecit finem cum Domino  
Rege pro libertate sua rehabenda, sicut con-  
tinetur alibi in hiis Memorandis, videlicet in-  
ter Fines de hoc Termino, Rotulo primo.  
Ideo non fiat hic ulterius executio. *Mich.*  
*Præcepta* 17 *Hen.* 7. *Rot.* 5. a.

(w) Wigorn[ia]. Quia nullus venit super  
compotum Johannis Colowe & Edwardi Bratt  
Civium Wigorn[iæ], ad respondendum Do-  
mino Regi de diversis debitis Regis levabili-  
bus



CHAP. Bedford (x). If therefore Townsmen did not render their Account, or did not S E C T.  
 IX. pay their Ferme or other Cleer Debt to the King, it was the usual way to take II. III.  
 the Town or Liberty into the Kings hand. But That did not hinder the Kings  
 Officers from taking remedy against Particular Townsmen, if it was found need-  
 ful; as will be found in the following part of this Work.

II. It is to be understood that whenever a Town or Community did ordinarily answer to the King for their Ferme or other Duty by a Sherif or Bailif of their own choosing, in case such Sherif or Bailif was Insolvent or Negligent, the King was at liberty to betake himself to the Principals, namely the Town or Community, and to require his Ferme or Debt from such Town or Community. Of this I will here give instances in the case of *London* and other Towns.

III. In ancient time, the City of *London* together with the County of *Middlesex* was granted to the Citizens in Fee-ferme. By that means the Citizens became Perpetual Farmers or Sherifs of *London* and *Middlesex*. But the Office of Sherifs was commonly wont to be executed by Two persons members of their Body or Community, Chosen yearly by Them, and approved and admitted by the King, or by the Barons of the Exchequer for Him. And those Sherifs were bound to pass an Account yearly at the Kings Exchequer, as well for the said Ferme as for other issues of their Bailiwick. The Account was rendred or passed by the Sherifs: but for and on behalf of the Body or Community of the Citizens: Infomuch that if peradventure Default or Insolvency hapned in That Accompt, it was lawful for the King to betake himself either to the Sherifs or to their Principals the Citizens at his Will, or to Both the one and the other, in order to recover the Ferme. From the Reign of K *Richard I* inclusive, during the reigns of several subsequent Kings, the Citizens of *London* themselves stood charged in the *Great-Rolls* of the Exchequer with the yearly Ferme of *London* and *Middlesex*. Then, the Sherifs of *London* rendred to the King an Account thereof for and in the name of the Citizens, in this manner, to wit, *Cives Londonia*, Such persons the Sherifs *pro eis, reddunt compotum*. It is true, that in the reigns of K *Henry I* and *Henry II* this Accompt-render was not expressed in the *Great Rolls* precisely in the same words as it was in the last years of the reign of K *Richard I* and afterwards. And there was reason for That. For in the reigns of K *Henry I* and *Henry II* the Sherifs of *London* were appointed by the King, not Chosen by the Citisens; and were sometimes Four in number, sometimes Three or Two, as the King pleased. And it appeareth plainly, that in the Twentyfirst year of K *Henry II* the Sherifs held the City *ut Custodes*, only as *Wardens* or *Committees*. During the reigns of those two Kings the Ferme of the City was the proper Debt of those Sherifs or Wardens. The Citisens of *London* had indeed profered to K  
*Henry*

bus infra libertatem ejusdem, præceptum est Vicecomiti Comitatus prædicti xx<sup>o</sup> die Octobris hoc Termino, quod non omitat &c quin eam &c, Et quod levare faciat debita Regis præscripta, Ita quod ea habeat hic de tempore in tempus prout ea levaverit; Et quod de cætero non faciat retorna Summonitionum Ballivis libertatis prædictæ pro aliquibus debitis Regis solvendis, donec aliud &c. Postea prædicti Cives venerunt hic per Jacobum Lord eorum Attornatum. Et fecerunt finem cum Domino Rege pro libertate sua rehabenda, sicut continetur in hiis Memorandis, videlicet inter fines de hoc Termino Rotulo... Et super hoc libertates prædictæ eisdem Civibus restituuntur. Postea facta summa præfatorum Civium per dictum eorum Attornatum, debent xxxl xvis viii d. Et postea factis allocationibus in Magno Rotulo de anno xxxii<sup>o</sup> Regis nunc in Wigornia, Quietis sunt ibidem. Mich. Præcepta 33 Hen. 8. Rot. 6. a.

(x) Bed[fordscira]. Quia nullus venit super compotum pro Hominibus Villæ Bed[fordia] in Comitatu prædicto, ad respondendum Domino Regi nunc de debitis Regis levabilibus infra eisdem Homines. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Comitatus prædicti xii<sup>o</sup> die Novembris hoc Termino, quod non omitat &c quin eam &c, Et levare faciat debita Regis præscripta; Ita quod ea habeat hic de tempore in tempus prout ea levaverit; Et quod decætero non faciat retorna Summonitionum Hominibus Villæ Bed[fordia] pro aliquibus debitis Regi solvendis donec aliud &c. Libertas dictæ Villæ de Bed[fordia] est infra honorem Domini Regis de Amthyll. Ideo non fiat hic ulterius executio. Mich. Præcepta 5 Edw. 6. Rot. 6. b.

In the following ages the same course was taken, in the Exchequer, namely of seising Liberties for not-accompting. But in the modern times the proceedings in those cases have not been carefully entered in the Rolls of the Yearly Remembrances.



CHAP. Henry I a Fine of C marks of silver, That they might have Sherifs of their own S E C T.  
IX. Choosing (y). But it seemeth that either they could not Then obtain That privi- III.

lege, or that if they did Then obtain it, they afterwards lost it. For K Henry II in the whole course of his reign appointed the Sherifs of London at his Pleasure, as I have just-now said, and as appeareth hereunder in this Section. K Richard I Did the like in the First and Second years of his reign. In the Third year of K Richard I, the Citifens and Sherifs are both together Charged with the Ferme of the City, in the manner which afterwards came to be constantly used, viz. *Cives Londoniæ, Vicecomites Illi pro eis, reddunt compotum*. In the Fourth Fifth and Sixth years of That King the Accompt runs thus, *Illi Vicecomites* (without mentioning the *Cives*) *reddunt compotum*. In the Seventh year of the same King the Citifens and Sherifs do render the Accompt both together, viz, *Cives Londoniæ, Illi Vicecomites pro eis reddunt compotum*. And so they continued to render their Accompt for about Two hundred years then next following. This manner of Accompting is a proof that from the said Seventh year of K Richard I the Citifens of London held their Town at Ferme, and were answerable for the Ferme either by their Sherifs or *ex ære proprio*. About the latter end of K Edward the Thirds reign, in the proëme of the Sherifs of Londons Accompt, the *Ingrosser* of the *Great-Roll* begann to leave-out the words *pro eis* or *pro eisdem Civibus*; and hath left them out ever-since. But probably the meaning and entendment of the *Great-Roll* was all along One and the same. I will give instances of these matters. And I choose to set-down copiously the ancient manner of Accompting for the Ferme of the City of London, because I would give an historical deduction of That part of the Duty and Service which the City of London by their fundamental constitution owed and rendred to the Crown, so far as may be evinced from Records in the successive Reigns of several *English* Kings.

In the reign of King Henry I, the Four Sherifs of London rendred to the King an Account of the Ferme of the City in the manner hereunder set-forth. And *Fulchered Fitz-Walter* and *John* son of *Ralph* son of *Ebrard* do also each by himself account for Remanents of Old Ferme, that is, Ferme of certain foregoing years (z). In the  
Second

(y) NOVA PLACITA & NOVÆ CONVENTIONES.

Homines Londoniæ reddunt compotum de C marcis argenti, ut habeant Vic[ecomites] ad electionem suam; In thesauro xxxl,

ET IN Perdonis, per Breve Regis, Regi Scotiæ xvis, Rannulfo de Piçtavia viis, Episcopo de Ely vis & xd, Roberto filio Radulfi viiis, Johanni filio Radulfi xviii s, Tierrico filio Dermanni xxs & vid, Nicholao Mercenario iis, Conano Cementario xii d, Alurico Grosso xis, Hominibus Reginæ xxvii s & vi d Canc[ellario] xxxiiis & vid; Willemo de Pontearc xvis, Herlewino filio Herlewini vs, Herv[eio] de Lanval iiis, Gotscelino de Ely iiis, Episcopo de Ely xviiid, Taiffoni Lond[oniæ] iiis, Willemo Coterel iis, Comiti Moritonæ xviii d;

Summa ixl & vis & iiiid;

ET IN Soltis, per Breve Regis, Fulcheredo filio Walteri xii l pro Estru[ct] Com[itis] Norman[niæ];

Et debent xvl & viis. *Mag. Rot. de anno incerto Regis Hen. 1. (nuper vocato 5 Steph.) Rot. 15. a.*

(z) QVATTVOR Vicecomites Londoniæ reddunt compotum de firma Londoniæ. IN thesauro xvii l & xiiis & ix d Bl[anco]rum.]

ET IN Liberationibus constitutis, viii l & iis & id numero.

ET IN Liberatione Comit[is] Moriton[iæ],

xii l & xii s & vid numero. Et in Pannis ejusdem Comit[is], Lxv s numero.

ET IN Liberationibus servientium quicustodiunt Com[item], & Vigilum & Portarii Turris, xii l & iis & iiiid numero.

ET IN Liberatione Uxoris Oini Naparii, xlvi s & viiid numero.

ET IN Liberatione Gaufridi Ingeniatoris, xl & xii s & xid numero.

ET IN Liberatione Rad[ulfi] Arbor[arii], vii l & xii s & id numero.

ET Aurifabris Londoniæ pro Carbone, Lxs & xd numero.

ET IN Oleo ad ardensum ante Sepulchrum Reginæ, xvs & iid & ob.

ET IN Liberatione Archiepiscopi Rothomag[i], & in Pannis Com[itis] Norman[niæ], xxiii l & xs numero.

ET IN Harengs & Ungeons & Oleo & Nucibus, & conductu usque ad Udestoc, viii l & xviii s & vd numero.

ET IN Emptione Vini & conductu, xlv l & vis & iid numero.

ET IN Emptione Piperis & Cumini & Gingibri, & Manutergiorum & Bacin[iarum] & Cainfili ad opus Regis, xxiii l & xix s & ix d numero.

ET IN ii Arch[is] de Ponte Londoniæ faciendis, xxv l numero.

ET IN operatione Turris Londoniæ, xvii l & vid numero.

ET IN Domibus quæ fuerunt Otueri & Capella reficiendis, & in aliis Minutis operibus,  
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CH A P. Second year of K Henry II, Gervase and John (Sherifs of London) render an Ac-S E C T.  
 IX. count of the Ferme of the City for Three quarters of a year (a). In the Fourth III.  
 year of the same King, Five Sherifs of London, to wit, Reiner son of Berenger,  
 Geoffrey le Burser, Josce le Viniter, Richard le Viel, and Brihtmer de Haver-  
 bell do accompt for the Ferme of the City (b). In the Seventh year of the same  
 King,

bus, xxii s & ix d numero.

ET IN Quietationibus Thelon[ii] Merca-  
 torum Com[itis] Theodb[aldi] de Provinz,  
 Lxxv s & iii d numero.

ET IN Panno emendo ad ponendum super  
 Sepulchrum Reginae, iiii s numero.

ET debent CCC & xl & ix s & ii d Bl[an-  
 corum].

FVLCHEREDVS filius Walteri red-  
 dit compotum de CC & ix l & xv s & vii d  
 Bl[ancorum], de Veteri firma Londoniæ. IN  
 Thesauro liberavit Et Quietus est.

ET Idem Fulcheredus debet C & xx mar-  
 cas argenti de Gersoma, pro Vicecom[itatu]  
 Londoniæ.

Johannes filius Radulfi filii Ebrardi debet  
 vii l & vis & xi d Bl[ancorum], de Veteri fir-  
 ma Londoniæ de tempore Patris sui. Mag.  
 Rot. anni incerti Hen. 1. (plerisque bodie 5 Steph.)  
 Rot. 15. a.

*This is the Ordinary Expense and Allow-  
 ance of the Sherifs of London and Middelfex  
 for this year of the reign of K Henry I. Here-  
 after in this Section, I have inserted the like Ex-  
 pence and Allowance of the Sherifs of London  
 for a few other years, to wit, for the Second  
 year of K Henry II, the First year of K Rich-  
 ard I, the Second year of K Henry III, and the  
 Second year of K Richard II. I have set-down  
 the Allowances for these several years, partly for  
 example-sake, and partly because they contain di-  
 vers Historical memoires.*

(a) LVNDONIA. GERVASIVS  
 & Johannes reddunt compotum de firma Lun-  
 doniæ de tribus partibus anni.

IN Elem[osina] noviter const[ituta] Mili-  
 tibus de Templo, i marca arg[enti].

Et in minutis Liberat[ionibus] const[itutis]  
 xl & v s & iii d & ob.

Et in Liberat[ione] Willelmi filii Ott[onis]  
 xiii l & xiii s & ix d.

Et in Liberat[ione] Willelmi filii Ailwardi,  
 viii l & xis & v d.

Et pro Carbon[ibus] Aurifabr[orum] Regis,  
 xlv s & vii s & ob.

Et in Liberat[ione] Henrici Arborarii, C  
 & xiii s.

Et in Liberat[ione] Natha[na]el[is] Custodis  
 Domorum Regis de Westm[onasterio],  
 vii l & xix s & viii d.

Et in Oleo ad Lampadem Reginae, xxii s  
 & ix d & ob.

Et Infirmis Lund[oniæ], Lx s.

Et pro iiii Cumb[is] fr[umenti] ad Munitio-  
 nem Turris, vi l & xv s & x d & ob.

Et pro CC ulnis Lineæ telæ ad faciend[um]  
 nappas, L s, per breve Regis.

Et in conducendo Thesauro Regis ad Shor-  
 ham, xxvi s & viii d.

Et pro Scutis & Sellis ad opus Regis, Er-  
 naldo Scutario xl, per breve Regis.

Et pro Aurifrixo ad Opus Regis, iiii l, per  
 breve Regis.

Et pro ii Culcitr[is] ad opus Regis, xvi l  
 & xiii s & iii d, per breve Regis.

Et in Donis quæ Rex misit Regibus de  
 Norwega, & in Liberat[ione] Nunciorum Re-  
 gum, xxxvii l & iis & viii d, per breve  
 Regis.

Et in operatione Papilionis Reg[is] & Cu-  
 stamento ipsius, Quater xx & xvi l & xii s  
 & viii d, excepto auro, per breve Regis.

Et in Negociis Reginae, Lxviii s & iii d, per  
 breve Reginae & Justic[iarium].

Et Henrico Arborar[i]o, xl, ad reparan-  
 dam Gaiolam.

Et in reparat[i]one domorum de Westm[on-  
 asterio] v s, per Episcopum de Eli.

Et pro Auro ad deauranda fræna Regis,  
 Lvi s, per Episcopum de Eli.

Et in Liberat[i]one Rogeri Ostiarii de The-  
 sauro, xxviii s & v d, per breve Reg[is].

Et in reparat[i]one Domorum de Scaccar[i]o,  
 Lxvi s & viii d.

Et in Liberat[i]one Hunfr[idi] Pincewerræ  
 probatoris Regis, xxvi s & iii d & ob.

Et in Liberat[i]one Pollardi, xxxvi s &  
 viii d & ob.

Et [in] Liberat[i]one Pipelorii, xv s & i d.

Et in Liberat[i]one Roberti Crispi Proba-  
 toris, xvi s & iii d.

Et in Liberat[i]one Willelmi filii War[ini]  
 probatoris, vi s & viii d.

Et in Liberat[i]one Gerardi Falsionarii,  
 xxiii s & ix d & ob.

Et pro Judicio Falsionariorum Sigilli Re-  
 g[is], xiii s & ii d.

Et pro Judicio Ricardi Finch, vi s & v d.

Et in Liberat[i]one cujusdam Fœminæ Pro-  
 batr[icis] Regis, xv s & ii d & ob.

Et pro i Domo ad comburendum i Latro-  
 nem, xiii s & iii d.

Et pro disfaciendo falso Monet[ario], vi s  
 & viii d.

Et pro disfaciendo Willelmo Osmund, v s.

Et pro disfaciendo Homine victo in duel-  
 lo, v s.

Et in Corred[i]o Reginae, xl l.

Et in Corred[i]o Henrici filii Regis & So-  
 roris suæ & Amitæ suæ, xxiii l.

Et in Vino ad opus eorundem, vii l, per  
 Rad[ulfum] de Hast[ang].

Et in Corr[edio] ipsorum, vi l & vi s, per  
 ipsum Rad[ulfum].

Et debent Lxxi l & xxii d Bl[ancos].

MIDDELSEXA. GERVASIVS &  
 Johannes reddunt compotum de Danegeldo.  
 Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.

(b) LVNDONIA. Gervasius & Johan-  
 nes filius Radulfi reddunt compotum de  
 Lxxi l & xxii d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma  
 Londoniæ de tertio Anno.



CHAP. King, *John Fitz-Ralf* accounteth for the Ferme of *London* from the time of K S E C T.  
IX. *Stephens* death until *Easter* next following, and likewise for the Old Ferme of the III.

Fifth year (c). *Reiner* son of *Berenger* and *William* son of *Isabel* do Account for the Ferme of the City in the Ninth year of K *Henry II* (d), and in the Eleventh year (e), in the Thirteenth year (f), and in the Fourteenth year (g). In the Fifteenth year of the same King, the Account for the Ferme of the City of *London* is rendred by *Reiner* son of *Berenger* and *William* son of *Isabel* for one half of the year, and by *John de Bucuinte Baldwin Crisp David de Cornhill* and *Roger Blund* for the other half (h); In the Seventeenth year, by *John Bucuinte Baldwin Crisp David de Cornhill* and *Roger Blund* (i); In the Twentieth year, by *Ralf*

Et Idem reddunt compotum de firma anni præteriti.

VICECOMITES LVNDONIAE.

REINERVS FILIVS BERENGARII, ET GAUFRIIVS BURSARIVS, ET JOSCE VINITARIVS, ET RICARDVS VETVLVS, ET BRIHTMER DE HAVERHELL reddunt compotum de firma LVNDONIAE. *Mag. Rot. 4 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.*

(c) LVNDONIA. Johannes filius Radulfi reddit compotum de Cl & Cs de firma Lundoniae; de termino quo Rex Stephanus mortuus fuit usque ad Pasca proxime sequens;

Per breve Regis liberavit C & xli & xviii s & i d; Et habet de superplusagio xxxv l & xviii s & i d.

Et idem reddit compotum de Liiii l & xviii s & ii d de Veteri firma Quinti anni; In suo superplusagio xxxv l & xviii s & i d.

Et debet xviii l & xix s & i d. *Mag. Rot. 7 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. a.*

(d) LONDONIA ET MIDDELSEX A.

REINERVS filius Berengarii & Willelmus filius Isabel reddunt compotum de C & quater xx & xix l & iii d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma Lundoniae.

Et Idem de nova firma. *Mag. Rot. 9 Hen. 2. Rot. 7. a.*

(e) LVNDONIA ET MIDDELSEX A.

Reinerus filius Berengarii & Willelmus filius Isabel reddunt compotum de viii l & ix s & v d Numero, de Veteri firma Lundoniae. In Liberationibus Prisonum, & pro Justiciis faciendis, viii l & ix s & v d; Et Quieti sunt.

Et Idem de nova firma. In thesauro nichil. —. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 2. Rot. 4. a.*

(f) LVNDONIA & MIDDELSEX A.

Reinerus filius Berengerii & Willelmus filius Ysabel reddunt compotum de CC & xiiii l & vii s & ii d Bl[ancorum], de Veteri firma. In thesauro Lxxvii l Bl[ancorum].

Et in Liberatione vii Probatorum a festo Omnium Sanctorum in iii septimanas xii s & iii d; And in other things, so much. Et debent viii l & xxi d Bl[ancorum].

Et Idem de nova firma. In thesauro C & quater xx & xli & iii s & iii d Bl[ancorum]. *Mag. Rot. 13 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.*

(g) LVNDONIA ET MIDDELSEX A.

REINERVS filius Berengarii & Willelmus filius Ysabel reddunt compotum de xxvii l & xs & viii d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma anni præteriti, & de viii l & xxi d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma tertii anni.

Et in Pannis Walensium iii l & xiii s & iii d, Per breve Ricardi de Luci; And in other things; Et debent xxvii l & xs & ii d Bl[ancorum] & xxii l numero.

Et Idem de eodem debito extenso in exitu hujus anni; In thesauro nichil.

Et in elemosina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas; and in other Expences; Et habent de superplusagio Lxix s & iii d numero.

Et Idem de nova firma. In suo superplusagio Lxix s & iii d numero. Et in thesauro nichil. Et debent D l Bl[ancorum] Et xviii l & xs & ix d numero. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.*

(h) LVNDONIA & MIDDELSEX A.

Reinerus filius Berengarii & Willelmus filius Isabel reddunt compotum de D l Bl[ancorum], & de xviii l & xs & ix d Numero de Veteri firma de Lundonia, Et de CC & L l Bl[ancorum] & xi l Numero de firma dimidii anni. Summa DCC & L l Bl[ancorum] & xxix l & xs & ix d numero. In thesauro CC & xviii l & iii s & iii d Bl[ancorum]. Then several Allowances are made as usual. Et debent C & xlviii l Bl[ancorum].

Johannes de Bucuinte, Baldewinus Crispus, & David de Cornhill & Rogerus Blundus reddunt compotum de firma de Lundonia & Middelfexa de dimidio anno. In thesauro quater xx & vii l & viii s & iii d Bl[ancorum]. Several Expences are deducted. Et debent C & xxii l & xii s & iii d. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 2. Rot. 12. b.*

(i) LVNDONIA ET MIDDELSEX A.

Johannes Bucuinte & Baldewinus Crispus & David de Cornhill & Rogerus Blundus reddunt compotum de CCC & Lvii l & xix s & viii d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma de Lundonia & Middelfexa.

Et de D l Bl[ancorum] & xxii l numero de nova firma.

Summa DCCC & Lvii l & xix s & viii d Bl[ancorum] & xxii l numero.

In thesauro Nichil. They are allowed for several Payments and Expences. Et debent DC & xiiii l & xii s & iii d Bl[ancorum]. *Mag. Rot. 17 Hen. 2. Rot. 9. b.*



CHAP. *Ralph le Orfevre Ralf le Vinitier Andrew Bukerel and Aelard*, for Three parts S E C T. III.  
 IX. of the year, And by *Brichtmar de Haverhell* and *Peter Fitzwalter* as Committees, for the Fourth part of the year (ii); In the Oneandtwentieth year, by *Brichtmer de Haverhill* and *Peter Fitzwalter* as Keepers or Committees (k); In the Sevenandtwentieth year, by *William Fitz-Isabel* and *Reginald le Viel* (l); In the one and thirtieth year, by *William Fitz-Isabel* (m); In the Thirtyfourth and last year of the same King, by *Henry de Cornhill* and *Richard Fitz-Reyner* (n).

In the First year of K *Richard I*, *Henry de Cornhill* and *Richard Fitz-Reiner* do Account to the King for the Ferme of the City of *London*. And in the Second year, *John* son of *Erlecon Roger le Duke* and *William de Haverhell*, do Account as Keepers or Committees (o). In the Third year of K *Richard I*, the Citifens

(ii) LVND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

*Radulfus Aurifaber* & *Radulfus Vinitor* & *Andreas Bukerel* & *Aelardus* reddunt compotum de CCl & C & vis & i d Bl[ancorum], de Veteri firma anni præteriti; Et de CCC & Lxxv l Bl[ancorum] & xv l & x s numero, de Nova firma de tribus partibus anni. Summa D & quater xx l & vi s & i d Bl[ancorum], & xv l & x s numero. Summa ejusdem extensi, DC & xxv l & xv s & v d cum prædictis xv l & x s numero; In thesauro nichil; *Expences are allowed*. Et debent CCCC & Lvi l & iii s & vi d numero. De quibus compotus redditur infra.

*Brichtmarus de Haverhell* & *Petrus filius Walteri* reddunt compotum de exitu ejusdem firmæ de quarta parte hujus Anni ut Custodes. In thesauro nichil. In *Expences so much*. Summa Lix l & viii s & ii d. Et *Quieti sunt*. *Mag. Rot. 20 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. a.*

(k) LONDONIA ET MIDDELSEX[A].

*Brichtmerus de Haverhill* & *Petrus filius Walteri* reddunt compotum de exitu firmæ de *Londonia* & de *Middilsex[a]* ut Custodes. In thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. a.*

(l) LONDONIA & MIDDELSEX[A].

*Willelmus filius Ysabel* & *Reginaldus le Viel* reddunt compotum de xlv l & xvii s & iii d Bl[ancorum], de Veteri firma de *Londonia* & *Middelfexa*; In thesauro liberaverunt; Et *Quieti sunt*. *Mag. Rot. 27 Hen. 2. Rot. ult. b.*

Et Idem de Nova firma. In thesauro quater xx & xiii l & xviii s & iii d Bl[ancorum] —. *Mag. Rot. 27 Hen. 2. Rot. ult. b.*

(m) LONDONIA & MIDDELSEX[A].

*Willelmus filius Ysabel* reddit compotum de CCC & quater xx l & C & viii s Bl[ancorum], de Veteri Firma de *Londonia* & de *Middelfexa*. In thesauro liberavit & *Quietus est*.

Et Idem de Nova firma. In thesauro C & xli l & vii s & vi d. Bl[ancorum] —. *Mag. Rot. 31 Hen. 2. Rot. penult. b.*

(n) LONDONIA & MIDDELSEX[A].

*Henricus de Cornhill* & *Ricardus filius Reineri* reddunt compotum de firma de *Londonia* & de *Middelfexa*. In thesauro nichil. Et in suo superplusagio xxv s & i d Bl[ancorum] —. *Mag. Rot. 34 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. a.*

(o) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

*Henricus de Cornhill* & *Ricardus filius Reineri* reddunt compotum de C & quater xx & xvii l & xxiii d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma de *Londonia* & de *Middelfexa*. In thesauro xxv s & iii d Bl[ancorum].

Et pro Sellis & apparatu eorum & *Loren-gis* — as in *Hist. Exch. p 253. col. 1. x.* Et pro *Roba Willelmi filii Ducis Saxon[ia]*, xii s & vi d, per idem Breve. Et pro pannis filia Comitis *Ricardi de Striguil* ix l & xii s & i d, per idem Breve. Et pro i *Palefrido* & *Harnaf[i]o* ad opus *Hugonis de Laci*, xliii s & iii d, Per idem Breve. Et in emendatione *Aulæ Regis de Westm[onasterio]* xl s, per idem breve. Et in Liberationibus Clericorum *Thesaurarii* & *Camerariorum* qui moram fecerunt apud *Westm.* ad Summonitiones sigillandas, xii s & vi d. Et Item pro *Cooperatoriis Mulorum Regis*, & aliis minutis negotiis apud *Westm.* xi s & v d, Per Breve Regis. Et in reparatione *Portarum Civitatis Londoniæ* & *Pontis Regis de Westm[onasterio]*, & *Gaiolæ Novæ Portæ*, ix l & xix s & iii d, Per idem Breve. Et in liberationibus vi *Probatorum* per diversos terminos, & *Apparatu* & *Armatura* illorum qui fecerunt *Duella*; Et *Judiciis* & *Justiciis* faciendis per totum annum, xxix l & xv s & xi d —. Et pro *Laneo panno* ad *Scaccarium Baronum*, xii s; Et pro *Linea tela* ad *Fenestras*, ii s & i d. Et *Johanni de Roverai* xx marcas de dono Regis, Per Breve Regis. Et *Quietus \* est*.

ET Idem de nova firma. In thesauro Nichil.

ET in *Elemosina* constituta *Militibus* de *Templo* ii marcas. Et in liberatione constituta *Johanni Aurifabro*, iii l & xi s & iii d. —. Et in *Perdonis*, Per Breve Regis, prædictis *Vicecomitibus*, Cl; Et debent CCC l & quater xx & iii l & iii s & viii d Bl[ancorum]. De quibus C & quater xx & xii l & xxii d Bl[ancorum] sunt super prædictum *Henricum*, & C & quater xx & xii l & xxii d Bl[ancorum] super *Ricardum filium Reineri*.

*Henricus de Cornhill* r c de prædictis C & quater

\* It is singular number in the Roll.



CHAP. Citifens of London, William de Haverhell and John Bucuinte for Them, do render the Account (p). For the Fourth year Nicolas Duket and Peter son of Neuelon; For the Fifth year, Roger le Duke and Roger Alanfon; For the Sixth, William Fitzifabel and William Fitzalulf, do feverally Pafs the Account (q). For the Seventh year of the fame King, the Citifens of London, Robert Befant and Jukel for Them (r); For the Eighth year, the Citifens of London, Godard de Antioch and Robert fon of Durand for Them (s); For the Ninth year, the Citifens of London, Nicolas Duket and Robert le Blound for Them (t); For the Tenth year of the fame King, the Citifens of London, Constantine Fitz-Alulf and Robert le Bel, do render the Accompt for the Ferme of the City (u). To proceed. The Citizens of London, to wit, Such persons the Sherifs for Them, flood Charged to the Crown with the yearly Ferme of the City, in the reign of K John and the next fucceeding Kings, in the manner hereunder fpecified. Namely, in the Fifth year

S E C T.  
III.

quater xx & xii l — as in *Hift. Exch.* p 254. col. 1. i. Et habet de Superplus xli s & iii d Bl[ancorum].

Willelmus filius Yfabelæ reddit compotum de quater xx & vii l & vi s & i d Bl[ancorum] de Veteri firma de Londonia; In thefauro Lii l & ii s & iii d Bl[ancorum]; Et Comiti de Clara xxxv l & iii s & x d Bl[ancorum] pro xxxvii l & x d numero, pro DC & xxxv Baconibus qui miffi fuerunt ultra mare ad Warnif[ionem] Castellorum Regis, Per Breve Ranulfi de Glanvilla per præceptum Regis. Et Quietus est. *Mag. Rot. 1 Ric. 1. Rot 13. a.*

LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A]. Ricardus filius Reineri reddit compotum de C & quater xx & xii l & xxii d Bl[ancorum], de Veteri firma de Londonia. In thefauro C & xxiii l & xii s & vi d Bl[ancorum].

Et Willelmo Puintell Conftabulario de Londonia, L l, ad operationes Turris Londoniæ.

Et debet xx l & xix s & iii d Bl[ancorum].

Johannes filius Erlecon & Rogerus Dux & Willelmus de Haverhell reddunt compotum de CC & quater xx & xiiii l & vs & x d, de firma de Londonia & de Middelfex[a] ut Custodes. In thefauro Lxvii l & ix s & ii d —. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. b.*

(p) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Cives Londoniæ, Willelmus de Haverhell & Johannes Bucuinte pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC l Bl[ancorum] hoc Anno. In thefauro nichil.

Et in Elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 3 Ric. 1. Rot. 11. a.*

(q) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Nicholaus Duket & Petrus filius Neuelon reddunt compotum de firma de Lond[onia] & de Middelfexa. In thefauro quater xx & xvii l & xvi s & iii d Bl[ancorum].

Et in Elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 4 Ric. 1. Rot. 11. b.*

LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Rogerus le Duc & Rogerus filius Alani red-

dunt compotum de firma de Londonia & de Middelfexa. In thefauro nichil.

ET in elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 5 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. b.*

LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A]. Willelmus filius Yfabel Willelmus filius Alulfi reddunt compotum de firma de Londonia & de Middelfexa. In thefauro nichil.

Et in Elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 6 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. b.*

(r) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Cives Londoniæ, Robertus Befant & Jukel pro eis, reddunt compotum de firma Lundo- niæ & Middelfexæ; In thefauro quater xx & vii l & xv s Bl[ancorum];

Et in elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 7 Ric. 1. Rot. 9. a.*

(s) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Cives Londoniæ, Godardus de Antioch & Robertus filius Durandi pro eis, reddunt compotum de firma Londoniæ & Middelfexæ; In thefauro quater xx & xi l & xix s & x d Bl[ancorum];

Et in elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 8 Ric. 1. Rot. 23. b.*

(t) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Cives Londoniæ, Nicholaus Duket & Robertus Blundus pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC l Bl[ancorum] de firma Londoniæ & Middelfexæ; In thefauro C & quater xx & xvii l & xs & viii d Bl[ancorum].

Et in elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas. Et in Liberationibus constitutis Johanni Aurifabro iiiii l & xi s iii d —. *Mag. Rot. 9 Ric. 1. Rot. 11. a.*

(u) LOND[ONIA] & MIDDELSEX[A].

Cives Londoniæ, Constantinus filius Alulfi & Robertus le Bel pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC l Bl[ancorum] In thefauro —.

Et in Elemofina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marcas —. *Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. a.*



CH A P. year of K *John* (*w*), and in the Tenth (*x*), Twelfth (*y*), Fourteenth (*z*), Sixteenth S E C T.  
IX. (*a*), and Seventeenth year of K *John* (*b*): In the Second year of K *Henry* III (*c*), III. in

(*w*) Cives Londoniæ, Walterus Brunus & Willelmus Camerarius pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC l bl[ancorum] de firma Londoniæ & Middelfexæ. *Mag. Rot. 5 Job. Rot. 1. dorso.*

(*x*) Cives London[ia], Willelmus Har-  
del & Robertus de Winton[ia] pro eis, red-  
dunt compotum de CCC l Bl[ancorum] de  
firma Londoniæ & Middelfexæ, *Mag. Rot.*  
*10 Job. Rot. 3. b.*

(*y*) Cives Londoniæ, Petrus Neuelon &  
Willelmus Blundus pro eis, reddunt compo-  
tum de CCC Bl[ancorum] de firma Comita-  
tuum. *Mag. Rot. 12 Job. Rot. 16. b. tit. Lon-*  
*donia & Middelfexa.*

(*z*) Cives Londoniæ, Josceus filius Petri &  
Johannes de Garlande pro eis, reddunt com-  
potum de CCC l Bl[ancorum] de firma Lon-  
doniæ & Middelfexiæ. *Mag. Rot. 14 Job.*  
*Rot. 3. b.*

(*a*) Cives Londoniæ, Martinus filius Ali-  
ciæ & Petrus Bat pro eis, reddunt compo-  
tum de CCC libris Bl[ancorum] de firma  
Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ. *Mag. Rot. 16 Job.*  
*Rot. 7. b.*

(*b*) Londonia & Middelfexia. Cives Lon-  
doniæ, Salomon de Basing & Hugo de Ba-  
sing pro eis, reddunt compotum de C & L l  
Bl[ancorum] de Firma Civitatis de dimidio an-  
no xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis Johannis. *Mag. Rot. 17 Job.*  
*Rot. — .*

(*c*) Londonia & Middelfex[ia]. Cives  
Londoniæ, Radulfus Elinant & Thomas Bu-  
kerel pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCC l  
bl[ancis] de firma Londoniæ & Middelfex[ia].  
In Thesauro nichil;

Et in elem[osina] const[ituta] Militibus de  
Templo, ii marcas; Et in liberatione consti-  
tuta Roberto Caretario de Buteiller[ia] Regis  
& Willelmo de Eis, iii l & x s & iii d, per  
breve Regis; Et Willelmo Capellano de Ca-  
pella Sancti Stephani de Westm[onasterio],  
Lx s & x d, per breve Regis; Et Lucæ nun-  
cio Regis, xxx s & v d; Et Roberto le Her-  
bergur, iii l & x s & iii d; Et Evæ Nutrici  
Ricardi fratris Regis, xxx s & v d; Et pro  
Carbone aurifabrorum, Lx s & x d; Et hæ-  
redibus Roberti de Leueland, xl & xii s &  
xi d, pro custodia domorum Regis de West-  
monasterio; Et eisdem vii l & xii s & i d, pro  
custodia Gaiolæ de Fliete; Et pro oleo ad  
Lampadem Reginæ, xxx s & v d; Et Ma-  
tillid[i] de Herlau[e], Lx s & x d, in ele-  
mosina constituta; Et in quietantia terrarum  
Episcopi Londoniæ, C s; Et in quietantia  
Canonicorum Sancti Pauli Londoniæ pro xxiiii  
Hidis, xl s; Et Petro Sarraceno Civi Roma-  
no, xx l, per breve Regis, & per cartam

Regis J patris Regis, quas ipse P & hæredes  
sui debent percipere per annum de prædicta  
firma Londoniæ, donec Rex vel hæredes sui  
ipsi P vel hæredibus suis assignaverint xx li-  
bratas terræ, ita quod non impediatur occa-  
sione brevis perquirendi de anno in annum;  
Et Adæ servienti de capella Regis, xxx s &  
v d, in liberatione constituta, per breve Re-  
gis; Et Cecilie Minnote, Lx s & x d, per  
breve Regis.

Et custodibus domorum Regis de West-  
monasterio, ad reparationem earundem domo-  
rum & Kaii, xl & x s & xi d, per breve Re-  
gis; Et in carriagio iiii tonellorum vini &  
CC librarum ceræ a Londonia usque ad Nor-  
hampton[iam], xxii s, per breve ejusdem; Et  
in carriagio Centum quarteriorum frumenti,  
& x tonellorum vini, & C librarum Ceræ, &  
xx librarum piperis, & unius libræ Croci, &  
ii quarteriorum fabarum, & ii quarteriorum  
pisorum alborum, usque ad Warengesford[iam],  
Liis, per idem breve; Et it[erum] in  
Carriagio viii tonellorum vini a Londonia us-  
que ad Norhant[oniam], xxxviii s & iii d, per  
breve Regis; Et Warino Capellano Regis,  
Lxxviii s & x d, ad adquietand[um] i infulam  
& i capam sericam ad Capellam Regis, per  
idem breve; Et in Carriagio L quarteriorum  
frumenti, & x tonellorum vini, & xl baco-  
num, & unius carchæ amigdalarum, & ii li-  
brarum croci, & v librarum cimini, & C li-  
brarum ceræ, & ii quarteriorum pisorum al-  
borum, a Londonia usque Warengesford[iam],  
xlvi s & x d & ob., per idem breve; Et  
Willelmo de Haverhill Clerico Regis, C l, ad  
expensas Regis adquietandas apud Londoniam  
in primo adventu suo ibidem post primam  
Coronationem suam, per breve ejusdem; Et  
in emptione L quarteriorum frumenti, & de-  
cem tonellorum vini, & xl bacorum, & unius  
carchæ amigdalarum, & ii librarum Croci, &  
v librarum cimini, & C librarum Ceræ, & ii  
quarteriorum pisorum, xxxvii l & xviii s &  
iiii d & ob., per prædictum breve; Et in Car-  
riagio robarum Regis a Londonia usque ad  
Warengesford[iam], vi s, per idem breve; Et  
pro xxx summis frumenti emptis ad opus Re-  
gis & cariatibus usque Warengesford, vi l & viii s,  
per idem breve; Et in carriagio unius fraelli  
ficuum, & i fraelli amigdalarum, & i fraelli  
racemorum de Hyspania, usque ad Norhamp-  
ton[iam], vi s, per idem breve; Et pro x to-  
nellis vini emptis ad opus Regis, xix l & x s  
& iii d; Et in liberatione vii Probatorum per  
plura tempora, iii l & iii s & x d; Et pro Ju-  
dic[iis] & Justic[iis] faciendis, vii l & xii s &  
v d; Et in emendatione Gaiolæ de Newega-  
t[a], xiii s & ii d & ob.; Et pro primo pan-  
no ad Scaccarium Baronum, xxxiii s & vi d;  
Et pro secundo panno ad idem Scaccarium,  
xl s & i d; Et debent xxxvii l & v s & viii d  
& ob. bl[ancos]. *Mag. Rot. 2 Hen. 3. Rot.*  
*5. a.*



CH A P. in the Thirtyfourth year (d), and the Thirtyeighth year of K Henry III (e): In S E C T. IX. the Seventeenth year of K Edward I (f); in the Nineteenth year (g), the Twentieth year (h), and the Twentyninth year of K Edward I (i). In the Fifth year (k), and the Eighteenth year of K Edward II (l): In the Eleventh (m), the Eighteenth (n), and the Fortieth year of K Edward III (o); and in the Second year of K Richard II (p).

(d) Cives Londoniæ, Radulfus Hardel & Johannes de Tolesane pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCCl bl[ancorum] de firma Comitatum. *Mag. Rot. 34 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(e) Cives Londoniæ, Johannes de Norhamton & Ricardus Pychard pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCCl bl[ancorum] de firma Comitatum. *Mag. Rot. 38 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(f) Cives Londoniæ, Willelmus de Betoyn & Johannes de Cantuaria pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCCCl de firma Civitatis nunc. *Mag. Rot. 17 Edw. 1. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(g) Cives Londoniæ, Willelmus de Leyr[e] & Thomas Romain pro eis de hoc anno, Salomon le Cutiller & Fulco de Sancto Edmundo pro eis de anno præterito, debent DCCCl de firma Civitatis nunc de hoc anno, & anno præterito —. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(h) Cives Londoniæ, Radulfus le Blund & Hamo Box pro eis, reddunt compotum de CCCCl de firma Civitatis nunc. *Mag. Rot. 20 Edw. 1. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(i) Cives Londoniæ, Lucas de Haveryng unus Vicecomitum & Ricardus de Caumpes alter Vicecomitum, Idem Lucas pro eodem Ricardo propter inbecillitatem ejusdem Ricardi, ad instanciam & rogatum per Literam prædictorum Civium, de gratia ista vice, pro eisdem Civibus, reddunt compotum [sed breve nondum venit ad Scaccarium] de CCCCl de firma Civitatis nunc: In Thesau-ro nichil; Et in elemosina constituta Militibus de Templo ii marca &c. *Mag. Rot. 29 Edw. 1. Londonia & Midd. m. 1. a.*

(k) Cives Londoniæ, Set pro eisdem Civibus, Ricardus de Welleford unus Vicecomitum & Simon de Mereworth alter Vicecomitum, reddunt compotum de CCCCl de firma Civitatis nunc de hoc anno quinto. *Mag. Rot. 5 Edw. 2. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(l) Londonia Middelfexia; Cives Londoniæ, Benedictus de Fulsham & Johannes de Causton Vicecomites de hoc anno xviii pro eis, r c de CCCCl numero de firma Civitatis nunc. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. m. 1. a.*

(m) Cives Londoniæ, Willelmus Curteys de Briklesworth unus Vicecomitum, pro se & Johanne le Clerk de Northhalle altero Vicecomitum horum Comitatum Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ de hoc anno xi, pro eisdem Civibus, reddunt compotum de CCCl bl[anco-

rum] de firma eorundem Comitatum, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo ix Regis Ricardi; Quæ sunt extensæ ad CCCxvi numero. *Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(n) Cives Londoniæ, Johannes Siward & Johannes de Aylesham Vicecomites horum Comitatum Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ de hoc anno xviii, pro eisdem Civibus, reddunt compotum de CCCl bl[ancorum] de firma eorundem Comitatum de eodem anno, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo nono Regis Ricardi; quæ sunt extensæ ad CCCxvi numero; In thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. in Londonia & Midd. m. 1. a.*

(o) Cives Londoniæ, Johannes de Briklesworth & Thomas Irland Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ de hoc anno xlo, pro eisdem Civibus, r c de CCCl bl[ancorum] de firma eorundem Comitatum de eodem anno, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo ixo Regis Ricardi; Quæ sunt extensæ ad CCCxvi numero. *Mag. Rot. 40 Edw. 3. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(p) Cives Londoniæ, Johannes Bosham & Thomas Cornwaleys Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ, a festo S Michaelis anno secundo usque festum S Michaelis proximo sequens, reddunt compotum de CCCl Bl[ancis] de firma eorundem Comitatum de eodem anno, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto & in Rotulo ixo Regis Ricardi primi, Quæ sunt extensæ ad CCCxvi numero; In Thesau-ro nichil; Et hæredibus Ricardi Lovelond (reliis Leveland) pro custodia Domus apud Westm[onasterium], xl xii s ii d, sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo dicti Regis Ricardi; Et eisdem pro Custodia de Flete, vii l xii s i d, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviº Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rotulo secundo dicti Regis Ricardi, & sicut allocatum est pro eadem custodia in Rot[ulis] annal[ibus] Regis H secundi; Et in elemosina constituta Fratibus Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia, pro animabus [Regis] J [&] antecessorum suorum, & pro anima Roberti Quency, iiii l xii s iiii d, sicut continetur in Rotulo tercio Regis H; Et in Libertate Sancti Pauli Londoniæ, vii l, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxviiº Regis H; Et Capellano celebranti in Capella Westm[onasterii], Lx s x d, sicut continetur in Rotulo viiº Regis E filii Regis E; Et in oleo Lampadarum Regina, xxx s v d, sicut continetur in Rotulo secundo Regis H secundi; Et in panno empto ad Scaccarium, xl s ii d, sicut continetur in [Blank]. Et debent CCLxxviii l xiii s. De quibus iidem Vicecomites respondent in Item Londonia.

Idem



CHAP. And after the like manner in the Twelfth year of K *Henry IV* (*q*); In the *SECT.*  
 IX. Tenth year of K *Edward IV* (*r*); In the One and twentieth year of K *Hen-* III.  
*ry VII* (*s*); In the Eleventh (*t*), and the Twentieth years of K *Henry VIII* (*u*);  
 In the Fourth year of K *Edward VI* (*w*); In the Fourth and Fifth years of K  
*Philipp*

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iīd per annum de pluribus minutis firmis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> & in Rotulo xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis H, ubi particul[æ] annot[antur].

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d de purpresturis arrent[atis], sicut continetur in Rotulo iii<sup>o</sup> & in Rotulo xxxvi<sup>o</sup> Regis H, ubi particular[iter] annot[antur]. *Here follow Thirteen Debts more charged on the names of the Cives & Vicecomites in like form. Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Londonia Middelfexia. m. 1. a.*

(*q*) Cives Londoniæ, Johannes Penne & Thomas Pyke Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ, a festo S Michaelis anno undecimo usque idem festum proximo sequens, debent CCCxv l numero pro CCC l bl[ancorum], de firma eorundem Comitatum per tempus prædictum. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 4. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(*r*) Cives Londoniæ, Robertus Drope & Ricardus Gardyner Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ, a festo S Michaelis anno nono, usque festum S Michaelis tunc proximo sequens—. *Mag. Rot. 10 Edw. 4. tit. Londonia & Midd. m. 1. a.*

(*s*) Cives London[iæ], videlicet Ricardus Shore & Rogerus Grove Vicecomites Londoniæ & Midd[elfexiæ], a festo Sancti Michaëlis anno xxi Regis H vii, usque festum Sancti Michaëlis tunc proximo sequens, reddunt compotum de CCCxv l numero, de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis, quod est inter Communia de anno xxii<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, termino Sancti Michaëlis Rotulo xvii<sup>o</sup>, allocatum in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> ejusdem Regis Ricardi secundi, sicut continetur in Rotulis xvi<sup>o</sup> & xv<sup>o</sup> dicti Regis R, & in Rotulo quinto Regis E tertii, & in Rotulo ix<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi. De quibus iidem Vicecomites respondent in Item London[iæ].

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iīd per annum, de pluribus minutis firmis, sicut continetur in Rotulis xx<sup>o</sup> & xvii<sup>o</sup> Regis H tertii, ubi particulæ annotantur.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arr[entatis], sicut continetur in Rotulo iii<sup>o</sup> E secundi, & in Rotulo xxxvi Regis H tertii, ubi particulæ annotantur.

Major & Communia Civitatis Londoniæ debent Ll, de firma Ripæ Reginæ Londoniæ—.

Cives Londoniæ debent xl per annum, de feodi firma Villæ suæ de Suthwerk cum pertinentiis, ad terminos consuetos imperpetuum—. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 7. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(*t*) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Johannes Wylkenfon & Nicholaus Pertrich Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xi<sup>o</sup> Regis H octavi, usque fe-

stum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, reddunt compotum de CCCxv l numero de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxii<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi termino S Michaelis Rotulo xvii allocatum in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> ejusdem Regis Ricardi secundi, sicut continetur in Rotulis xvi<sup>o</sup> & xv<sup>o</sup> dicti Regis Ricardi & in Rotulo quinto Regis E tertii, & in Rotulo ix<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi. De quibus iidem Vicecomites respondent in Item Londonia. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

(*u*) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Radulphus Waren & Johannes Longe Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ a festo S Michaelis anno xx Regis Henrici octavi, usque festum S Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, reddunt compotum de CCCxv l numero de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxii Regis Ricardi secundi, Termino S Michaelis Rotulo xvii, allocatum in Rotulo xx ejusdem Regis Ricardi secundi—. *Mag. Rot. 20 Hen. 8. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iīd per annum de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arr[entatis]—. *Ibid.*

(*w*) Cives Londoniæ videlicet Johannes Yorke & Ricardus Turke Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ, a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli anno Tercio Domini Edwardi Sexti Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regis, fidei Defensoris, Ac in terra Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ & Hibernicæ Supremi Capituli, usque idem festum S Michaëlis tunc proximo sequens, reddunt compotum de CCCxv l numero de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxii Regis Ricardi secundi, Termino S Michaëlis Rotulo xvii, allocatum in Rotulo xx ejusdem Regis Ricardi secundi, sicut continetur in Rotulis xvi & xv dicti Regis R, & in Rotulo quinto Regis E tertii, & in Rotulo nono Regis E primi. De quibus iidem Vicecomites respondent in Adhuc Item Londonia. *Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iīd per annum, de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arrentatis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent xxii s vii d per annum, de Henrico Persona Ecclesiæ S Michaëlis in Crokedlane Londonia, Johanne Lovekyn, Waltero Morden, Adam Lucas de Lenne, Adam Appole, & aliis parochianis ejusdem Ecclesiæ, pro quadam placea in Civitate Londonia, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx Regis E tertii. *Ibid.*



CH A P. *Philipp* and Q *Marie* I (x); In the Twentysecond year of Q *Elizabeth* (y); In S E C T. IX. the Thirteenth year of K *James* I (z); In the Fifth year of K *Charles* I (a); and III. in the Seventeenth year of K *Charles* II (b).

But as the King permitted the Sherifs of *London* to answer for the Citifens, So He might, if he thought meet, betake him to the Citifens themselves, and compell them to render to Him his Debts that were within the Sherifs Charge. This appeareth plainly from the case of *Richard de Welleford* and *Simon de Mereworth*. The

(x) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Ricardus Malory & Jacobus Altham Vicecomites Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ, a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli annis regnorum Philippi & Mariæ Dei gratia Regis & Regina Angliæ, Hispaniarum, Franciæ, utriusque Siciliæ, Jerusalem & Hiberniæ, fidei defensorum, Archiducum Austriæ, Ducum Mediolani Burgundiæ & Brabanciæ, Comitum Haspurgi Flandriæ & Tirolis, quarto & quinto, usque idem festum S Michaëlis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, scilicet per unum annum integrum, reddunt compotum de CCCxvi numero de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxii Regis Ricardi secundi—. *Mag. Rot. 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. i. a.*

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis & iid per annum de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis vi d per annum, de purpresturis arrentatis—. *Ibid.*

(y) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Radulfus Woodcok & Johannes Allott Vicecomites Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ, a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli anno regni Domine Elizabethæ Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regina fidei defensoris &c xxiiº, usque idem festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Domine Regina xxiiiº, scilicet pro uno anno integro reddunt compotum de CCCxvi numero de firmis horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxiiº Ricardi secundi, termino Sancti Michaelis, Rotulo xviiº—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iid per annum, de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arrentatis—. *Mag. Rot. 22 Eliz. Londonia Middelfexia, m. i. a.*

(z) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Willelmus Gore & Johannes Gore Vicecomites Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ, a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli anno regni Domini nunc Jacobi, Dei gratia Angliæ Scotiæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regis fidei defensoris &c xiiiº, usque idem festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc xiiiiº, reddunt compotum de CCCxvi numero, de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis, quod est inter Communia de anno xxiiº Regis Ricardi secundi—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iid

per annum, de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arrentatis—. *Mag. Rot. 13 Jac. i. Londonia Middelfexia, m. i. a.*

(a) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Humfridus Smythe & Edmundus Wright Vicecomites Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ, a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, anno regni Domini nunc Caroli Dei gratia Angliæ Scotiæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regis fidei defensoris &c Quinto, usque idem festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc Sexto, scilicet per unum annum integrum, reddunt compotum de CCCxvi numero, de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxiiº Regis Ricardi secundi—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent vis iid per annum, de pluribus minutis firmis—.

Iidem Cives & Vicecomites debent viiis v d per annum, de purpresturis arrentatis—. *Mag. Rot. 5 Car. i. m. i. a. tit. Londonia Middelfexia.*

(b) Cives Londoniæ, videlicet Robertus Hanson & Willelmus Hooker Milites, nuper Vicecomites Civitatis Londoniæ & Comitatus Middelfexiæ, per Willelmum Hastings & Willelmum Smyth generosos attornatos suos, a festo S Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Domini nostri Caroli secundi, Dei gratia Angliæ Scotiæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regis fidei defensoris &c xviiº, usque idem festum S Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc Caroli secundi xviiiº, scilicet per unum annum integrum, reddunt compotum de CCCxvi numero de firma horum Comitatum per tempus prædictum, per breve Regis quod est inter Communia de anno xxiiº nuper Regis Ricardi secundi termino S Michaelis Rotulo xviiº, allocatum in Rotulo xxº ejusdem nuper Regis Ricardi secundi, sicut continetur in Rotulis xvº & xviº dicti Regis Ricardi secundi, & in Rotulo vº Regis Edwardi tertii, & in Rotulo ixº Regis Edwardi primi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent in Residuum Londoniæ. *Mag. Rot. 17 Car. 2. tit. Londonia; Middelfexia, m. i. a.*

By help of the Records cited in this Third Section concerning London, the Reader is enabled to correct several small mistakes in Mr Stowes Survey of London, viz. in That printed in Quarto 1603, page 502 & seqq. tit. Temporal Government, and in That printed in Folio 1633, p 535 & seqq. eodem tit.



CHAP. The case was this. In the Fifth year of K Edward II, when Richard de Welleford and Simon de Mereworth Sherifs of London sat at the Exchequer to make a View of their Account, the Mayour and Aldermen of London were sent-for to Shew and Propose their reasons and claims concerning certain Fermes and other Debts which were required from the Citizens to the Kings use. Several persons who had been Sherifs in years lately past, and the Executours of such late Sherifs as were now dead, were also sent-for. They were examined concerning the matters then under consideration. Upon the whole, the Barons of the Exchequer were clearly of opinion and expressly Declared, That the Citizens of London for the time being were Sherifs in Fee of London and Middlesex, and were to answer to the King for all things pertaining to the office of Sherifs of London and Middlesex. And accordingly the Barons enjoined John Gisors Mayour, John de Wenegrave, Roger de Frowyk, William Servat, Nicolas Pycot, Anketine Gisors, Geoffrey del Cunduyt, Nigell Drury, and Richard de Gloucestre Aldermen, and Robert de Keleseye Citizen of London being there present on behalf of the Community of the Citizens, and also the said Richard de Welleford and Simon Mereworth, to do for the future certain things relating to the office of Sherifs which were for the Kings Service. This Injunction was by the Barons of the Exchequer given to the said Mayour and Citizens, as being Then virtually Sherifs of London and Middlesex, and representing those who were to be Sherifs in time coming (c). This matter

(c) Memorandum quod sedentibus hic Ricardo de Welleford & Simone de Mereworth Vicecomitibus Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ, super visu compoti faciendo de debitis Domini Regis levabilibus in Civitate Londoniæ & Comitatu Midd[el]sexiæ, vocatis ad hoc. . . Majore & Aldermannis Civitatis prædictæ, ad ostendendum & proponendum, nomine Civium Civitatis ejusdem, rationes & calumpnias suas &c, super quibusdam firmis & aliis debitis quæ requirebantur super eisdem Cives ad opus Regis; cum exigenter ab eisdem Vicecomitibus Summonitiones de Extractis Finium Cancellariæ de diversis annis, de Extractis Finium & exituum for[is]factorum & amerciamenorum coram Rege, & Finium & exituum for[is]factorum & amerciamenorum coram Justiciariis de Banco, necnon aliæ diversæ Summoniciones, quæ emanarunt a Scaccario ante festum sancti Michaelis proximo præteritum, exhibendæ Curiae &c, ut ipsi Vicecomites computassent & respondissent de debitis in eisdem Summonitionibus annotatis; iidem Vicecomites responderunt se nullas Summonitiones penes se habere nec recepisse, præter illas quæ emanarunt post festum sancti Michaelis prædictum. Cumque super illo vocati essent hic Simon Corp nuper unus Vic[ecomitum] & . . . Executor testamenti Petri de Blakeneye nuper alterius Vic[ecomitum] Londoniæ qui proximo præcesserunt eisdem Ricardo & Simoni de Mereworth in Officio Vicecomitis ibidem, necnon Rogerus le Palmere nuper unus Vic[ecomitum] & . . . executor testamenti Jacobi de sancto Edmundo nuper alterius Vic[ecomitum] qui eisdem Simoni Corp & Petro, Willelmus de Basingge & Jacobus le Butiller qui eisdem Rogero & Jacobo de sancto Edmundo, & Nigellus Drury & Petrus Pycot qui eisdem Willelmo & Jacobo le Butiller modo consimili proximo præcesserunt &c, ut ipsi ostenderent Indenturas inter cedentes Officio Vicecomites & succedentes &c factas, de Liberationibus & Receptis

hinc inde de rebus spectantibus ad Officium Vic[ecomitum], ut per eas liquere posset Curiae de dictis Summonitionibus, quas dicti Vicecomites asseruerant se non recepisse &c; & eisdem Indenturis visis & examinatis, & nulla mentione reperta in eis de aliquibus Summonitionibus liberatis vel receptis &c, & quæ sita ex parte Regis causa quare nulla facta est mentio in ipsis Indenturis de Summonicionibus &c, ipsi responderunt quod de consuetudine hætenus &c omnes & singuli qui fuerant Vicecomites Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ, Summoniciones de Scaccario quas receperant retinuerunt penes se usque super compotum suum ad Scaccarium, & eas tunc ibidem liberarunt, nec eas rehabuerunt &c. Et quia videtur Curiae dampnum Domini Regis posse imminere de consuetudine illa si ulterius &c. præsertim cum ad festum sancti Michaelis singulis annis fiant novi Vicecomites in Londonia & Comitatu Midd[el]sexiæ, & Novi Vicecomites non haberent aliquid penes se per quod possent levare debita Domini Regis de tempore præcedenti, quousque Vicecomites qui præcederent computassent &c; habita consideratione quod qualitercunque Vicecomites fiant ibidem de novo singulis annis, quod Cives Londoniæ qui pro tempore fuerint sunt Vic[ecomites] de feodo, & habent respondere de omnibus & singulis quæ ad Officium Vic[ecomitum] in Civitate Londoniæ & Comitatu Midd[el]sexiæ &c: Injunctum est ex parte Regis tamquam Vicecomitibus nunc & pro tempore futuro, Johanni Gisors Majori, Johanni de Wenegrave, Rogero de Frowyk, Willelmo Servat, Nicholao Pycot, Anketino Gisors, Galfrido del Cunduyt, Nigello Drury, & Ricardo de Glouc[estria] Aldermannis, & Roberto de Keleseye Civi Londoniæ, præsentibus hic pro Communitate Civium Civitatis prædictæ, super Visum compoti prædicti, modo die Veneris xvi<sup>o</sup> die Junii, necnon dictis Ricardo de Welleford & Simoni Mereworth, quod singulis annis cum dicti



CHAP. matter doth also further appear by the cases hereunder cited. For example. If per- S E C T.  
IX. chance the Sherifs of a Town made Default upon their Accompt or became Insol- III.

vent, the King required his Ferm of the Citizens themselves. So it was in the case of the City of *London*. In the Thirtyfirst year of K *Henry III*, the Sherifs of *London* rendred their Account at the Exchequer. Several Former Sherifs were indebted to the King *de remanente firmæ*. The present Sherifs were commanded to Distrein them for their several arreres, and to pay the money at the Exchequer in the Quinzime of St *John Baptist*, Or else the City was to be seized into the Kings hand (d). In the Seven and twentieth year of K *Edward I*, the Citizens of *London* stand Charged to the King with *xxl* for *John Adrien* and *Walter Hervy* formerly Sherifs of *London*; and with *CLxxviii l vi d ob.* for *Robert de Rokesle* and *Martin de Ambresberie* late Sherifs (e). In the Nine and twentieth year of K *Edward III*, *John de Croydon* and *William Claptus* late Sherifs of *London* and *Middlesex* were indebted to the Crown in *viii l viii s* for Felons goods. A writ issued out of the Exchequer, commanding the present Sherifs to levy the said Debt of the lands and chatells of the said *John de Croydon* and *William*, and of the lands and tenements which they had in fee at the time when they were Sherifs and afterwards; and if perchance the lands tenements goods and chatells of the said *John de Croydon* and *William* were not sufficient to pay the said Debt, Then to levy the deficiency on the lands and chatells of the Citizens of *London*, who chose the said *John de Croydon* and *William* to the said office of Sherifs (f).

IV. The

dicti Cives deputaverint loco suo novos Vicecomites &c, illi qui præcesserunt liberent Vicecomitibus sibi succedentibus omnes Summonitiones & omnia Brevia Regis per quæ debita Domini Regis habent levare, una cum aliis quæ ad Officium Vic[ecomitum] &c per Indenturas &c. *Trin. Communia 5 Edw. 2. Rot. 58. b.*

(d) Compotus Com[itatuum] *Londoniæ* & *Midd[elsexiæ]* de anno xxxº, redditus ad Scaccarium in Octabis S Martini anno xxxiº, per Adam de Benetlega & Robertum de Cornhull Vicecomites.

Radulphus le Espicer & Nicholaus Bat debent *xiii l iiii s v d* Bl[ancorum] de remanente firmæ. Distringatur; Ita quod Vicecomites habeant denarios super arreragia.

Adam de Basing & Hugo Blundus debent *Cxviii iiii d* de eodem.

Robertus filius Johannis & Radulphus Esfwy debent *vi l xiii s ob.* de eodem.

Thomas de Dunolmo & Johannes Viel debent *ix l xviii s vii d ob.* de eodem.

Johannes de Gyforz & Michael Tony debent *vii l* de eodem.

Johannes de Coudres & Johannes de Wylethale debent *iiii l xis viii d* de eodem.

Præceptum est Vic[ecomitibus], quod distringant pro omnibus arreragiis illis, ita quod habeant denarios ad Scaccarium in quindena S Johannis Baptistæ, vel quietanciam ostendant; Et si tunc non reddiderint, Civitas capietur in manum Regis. *Memoranda 31 Hen. 3. Rot. 110. a.*

Cives *Londoniæ* debent *C quater xx & v l iis iiii d*, de remanente firmæ. Distringantur super arreragia. *Memoranda 31 Hen. 3. Rot. 10. a.*

Vicecomites habent diem ad arreragia sua reddenda, & ad respondendum de omnibus prædictis, in quindena S Johannis Baptistæ. Et præceptum est Majori, quod ipse sit in auxilium Vicecomitibus ad distringendum pro

eisdem debitis, ita quod ea reddantur ad Scaccarium prædicto die, ne per incuriam ipsius & Vicecomitum Civitas eo die capiatur in manum Regis pro defalta ipsorum. *This award is written at the end of the Compotus Com. Londoniæ & Midd. in this Roll after all the Debts. Memoranda 31 Hen. 3. Rot. 10. a.*

(e) Cives *Londoniæ* [debent] *xxl* pro Johanne Adrien & Waltero Hervy quondam Vicecomitibus *Londoniæ*, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxv. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. a.*

Cives *Londoniæ* debent *CLxxviii l vi d ob.* pro Roberto de Rokesle & Martino de Ambresber[ie] quondam Vicecomitibus ibidem. *Ib. m. 2. a.*

(f) *Londonia Middelfexia*. Præcepta facta super compotum Johannis Little & Willelmi Welde nuper Vicecomitum —. Quoad *viii l viii s* exactos de Johanne de Croydon & Willelmo Claptus nuper Vicecomitibus *Londoniæ* & *Middelfexiæ* de catallis Willelmi de Croydon distracti & suspensi, & de manuo opere Johannis de Hynton personæ ecclesiæ de Ryole Reginaldi le Wyle & Ricardi Snarry per ipsos disclam[ato], sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno xxvii in *London Midd.*; præceptum est dictis. . nunc Vicecomitibus, quod de terris & catallis prædictorum Johannis de Croydon & Willelmi, necnon de terris & tenementis quæ sua fuerunt in feodo tempore quo fuerunt Vicecomites & postea in feodo (in feodo is here repeated in the Roll) fieri faciant debitum prædictum; & si forte terræ tenementa bona & catalla ipsorum Johannis de Croydon & Willelmi ad solutionem dicti debiti non sufficiant, tunc id quod inde defuerit de terris & catallis. . Civium dictæ Civitatis, qui dictos Johannem de Croydon & Willelmum ad dictum officium Vicecomitum elegerunt, fieri faciant, ita &c ante finem hujus compoti. Et ex habundanti fit eis



CHAP. IV. The like method was used in relation to other Towns. The Sherifs of S E C T. IV.  
IX. Towns accompted to the King for and on behalf of the Townsmen. If the Sherif or Bailif made Default, the Townsmen were answerable to the King for their Default.

This appeareth by the method and form of Accompting. In the *Great-Roll* of the Exchequer aswell the Townsmen as the Sherifs are charged to the King with the Common Debt or Debts of the Town and with their Accompt. For example. In the reign of K *John*, the Citifens of *York* Fined to the King in CCC marks and iii Palfreys, That they might have their Town [in their own hand] (g). About That time, and long Before the City of *York* was made a County of it-self, the Citifens of *York*, by the name of *Cives Eboraci*, were charged in the Kings Rolls with the Ferm of the City, like as the Men of other Cities or Towns were. They were so charged in the Sixteenth year of K *John* (h); in the fifteenth year of K *Henry III* (i); in the thirtyfifth year of K *Henry III* (k); in the eighteenth (l), and thirtieth years of K *Edward I* (m); in the seventh year of K *Edward II* (n); and in the third (o), and the eighteenth year of K *Edward III* (p).

In or about the Nineteenth year of K *Richard II*, the City of *York* was made a distinct County, divided and severed from the County of *York* (q). When the City was so made a County, then the Sherifs of the City answered for the said Ferme of their City from year to year, to wit, for and on behalf of the Citifens. For example. In the Eighth year of K *Henry IV*, the Sherifs of the City of *York* accounted to the Crown, for and on behalf of the Citifens, for the Ferme of the City (r). They accounted after the like manner in divers years of succeeding Kings; to wit, in the Fifteenth year of K *Henry VI* (s), in the one and twentieth year

eis breve datum secundo die octobris hoc termino. *Mich. Præcepta 29 Edw. 3. Rot. 7.*

(g) Idem Cives [Eboraci] reddunt compotum de CCC marcis & iii palefridis, pro habenda villa sua, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti, in secundo Rotulo in fine. In thesauro L marcas; Et debent CC & L marcas & iii palefridos. *Mag. Rot. 16 Joh. Rot. 8. a. m. 2. Everwicscire.*

(h) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de C & Lxl, de firma Villæ suæ; In thesauro C & Liiil & i marcam; Et in defalta Monetariorum viii marcas; Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 16 Joh. Everwicscire. Rot. 8. a. m. 1.*

(i) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de C & Lxl numero de firma Civitatis suæ. In thesauro C & vii vii s & xi d. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 3. Everwykeschire. m. 1. a.*

(k) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de C & Lxl numero de firma Villæ suæ. In thesauro C xlviii xld. *Mag. Rot. 35 Hen. 3. Ebor. m. 1. a.*

(l) Ebor. Cives Ebor[aci] r c de CLxl numero de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xi —. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. in Rotulo cui titulus in cauda, Eboracus, m. 1. a.*

(m) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de CLxl numero, de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xi°. *Mag. Rot. 30 Edw. 1. Ebor. m. 1. a.*

(n) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de CLxl numero, de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xi°, Et CLxl de eadem de anno præterito; In thesauro nichil. *Mag. Rot. 7 Edw. 2. Ebor. m. 1. a.*

(o) Cives Eboraci r[eddunt] compotum de CLxl numero, de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi°, & in Rotulo xi Regis

E filii Regis H, & in Rotulo xvi Regis J; In thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 3 Edw. 3. Ebor. m. 1. a.*

(p) Cives Eboraci r c de CLxl numero de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi Regis E patris Regis hujus, & in Rotulo xi Regis E filii Regis H —. Et debent CLiiil vii s, xi d —. *They are charged with Seven other Ferms; De quibus Cives Eboraci respondent in Item Ebor. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. tit. Ebor. Cives Eboraci per Johannem de Patemere Ballivum suum r c de CLiiil vii s xi d, de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo principali —. Ib. m. 1. b. tit. Item Ebor.*

(q) Chap. II. sect. 2.

(r) Cives Ebor[aci] debent CLxl numero de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu & in Ebor[aciscira] —. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Vicecomites, videlicet Robertus Kyrkeby & Johannes Ufburn, reddunt compotum de CLxl, pro Civibus Eboraci de firma villæ suæ, sicut supra continetur; Et x s pro Civibus Ebor[aci], sicut continetur ibidem —. *Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. m. 1. a. tit. Comitatus Civitatis Eboraci.*

(s) Cives Ebor[aci] debent CLxl numero de firma villæ suæ —. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Vicecomites videlicet Ricardus Shirwod & Willelmus Burton reddit compotum de CLxl pro Civibus Ebor[aci] de firma villæ suæ, sicut supra continetur, Et xi s iii d de eisdem Civibus de firma purpresturarum post allocationes consuetas, sicut continetur ibidem —. *Mag. Rot. 15 Hen. 6. m. 1. a. tit. Comitatus Civitatis Ebor[aci].*



CHAP. year of K *Henry VI* (*t*), in the twelfth year of K *Edward IV* (*u*), in the First S E C T.  
IX. year of K *Henry VIII* (*w*), in the Two and twentieth year of K *Henry VIII* (*x*), IV.  
and in the First year of K *Edward VI* (*y*).

V. In

(*t*) Comitatus Civitatis Ebor[aci]. Henricus Market & Thomas Barton Cives & Vicecomites hujus Comitatus, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxi<sup>o</sup> Regis Henrici sexti, usque idem festum tunc proximo sequens, Johannes Holme Attornatus pro eisdem Civibus & Vicecomitibus, sicut continetur in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii, de anno xxii<sup>o</sup> Regis hujus, videlicet inter Attornatos de Terminis Sancti Michaelis, per breve Regis Ricardi secundi annotatum in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> ejusdem nuper Regis, r[eddunt] computum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Cives Ebor[aci] deb[ent] CLx l numero de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xi<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi, & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis J. Solvendum ad Scaccarium Regis, scilicet unam medietatem ad festum Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad festum Paschæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vi<sup>o</sup> Regis hujus. De quibus Vicecomites r[espondent] infra.

Idem Cives debent xis iii d de firma purpresturarum, post allocationes consuetas, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi. De quibus Vicecomites r[espondent] infra. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 6. tit. Civitas Ebor. m. i. a.*

(*u*) Johannes Fereby & Wilhelmus Knolles Cives & Vicecomites hujus Comitatus a festo S Michaelis anno xi Regis E quarti, usque festum S Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, Georgius Scalby attornatus pro eisdem Civibus & Vicecomitibus, sicut continetur in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii de anno xii Regis hujus —, reddunt computum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 4. in Rotulo cui titulus Civitas Ebor. m. i. a.*

(*w*) Cives Ebor[aci] debent CLx l numero de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xi<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi, & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis J, solvendas ad Scaccarium Regis, scilicet unam medietatem ad festum Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad festum Paschæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vi<sup>o</sup> H vi<sup>ti</sup>. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Cives debent xis iii d, de firma purpresturarum, post allocationem consuetam, sicut continetur in Rotulo ix<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xxi<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Cives debent iis vi d, de redditu sep-

tem placearum in Civitate Ebor[aci], sicut continetur in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulis xvi<sup>o</sup> & xii<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Cives debent xs, de redditu cujusdam Molendini quod fuit Willelmi Villers, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi, in hoc Comitatu & in Ebor[aciscira], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis H. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Vicecomites videlicet Johannes Langton & Johannes Gregges reddunt computum de CLx l, pro Civibus Ebor[aci], de firma Villæ suæ, sicut supra continetur. Et xis iii d de eisdem Civibus de firma purpresturæ, sicut continetur ibidem. Et iis vi d de redditu septem placearum in Civitate Ebor[aci], ibidem. Et xs de redditu cujusdam Molendini quod fuit Willelmi Villers, ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 1 Hen. 8. tit. Civitas Ebor[aci]. m. i. a.*

(*x*) Civitas Ebor[aci]. Georgius Gale & Johannes Beilby Cives & Vicecomites hujus Comitatus, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxii<sup>o</sup> Regis Henrici octavi, usque festum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, Johannes Castell Attornatus pro eisdem Civibus & Vicecomitibus, sicut continetur in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii, de anno xxiii<sup>o</sup> Regis hujus, videlicet inter Attornatos, de terminis Sancti Michaelis, per breve Regis Ricardi secundi, annotatum in Rotulo xix<sup>o</sup> ejusdem Regis, r[eddunt] computum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra ;

Cives Ebor[aci] debent CLx l numero de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx<sup>o</sup> Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu, & in Ebor[aco], & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xi<sup>o</sup> Regis E primi, & in Rotulo xvi<sup>o</sup> Regis Johannis, solvendas ad Scaccarium Regis, scilicet unam medietatem ad festum Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad festum Paschæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vi<sup>o</sup> H vi<sup>ti</sup>. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra. *Mag. Rot. 22 Hen. 8. tit. Civitas Eboraci, m. i. a.*

(*y*) Cives Eboraci debent CLx l numero, de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu & in Eboraciscira, & in Rotulo xvi Regis E secundi, & in Rotulo xi Regis E primi, & in Rotulo xvi Regis Johannis, solvend[as] ad Scaccarium Regis, scilicet unam medietatem ad festum S Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad festum Paschæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo vi H sexti. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Idem Cives debent xis iii d, de firma purpresturarum post allocationes consuetas, sicut continetur in Rotulo nono Regis Ricardi secundi in hoc Comitatu —. De quibus Vice-



CHAP. V. In the *Great Roll* of the Oneandtwentieth year of K *Henry VI*, *John Garton* S E C T.

IX. Sherif of the Town of *Kyngeſton upon Hull* rendreth an Accompt to the King of V.

Ferms and other Debts. The next words in the *Roll* are, *Burgenſes de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent* So much *de firma ejuſdem Burgi*; and the Sherif of the Town answereth for the Burgeſſes (z). The like form of Accompting for this Town is purſued in the *Great Roll* of the twelfth year of K *Edward IV* (a), the eleventh (b), and two and twentieth year of K *Henry VIII* (c), and in firſt (d), and the fourth

comites respondent infra.

Iidem Vicecomites videlicet Thomas Standeven & Jacobus Sympſon r c de CLxl, pro Civibus Eboraci, de firma Villæ ſuæ, ſicut ſupra continetur; Et xi s iii d pro eiſdem Civibus de firma purpreſturarum, ſicut ſupra continetur ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 1 Edw. 6. tit. Civitas Eboraci, m. 1. a.*

(z) Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. Johannes Garton Vicecomes hujus Comitatus, a feſto Sancti Michaëlis anno xxi° Regis Henrici ſexti, uſque idem feſtum tunc proximo ſequens, Johannes Holme Attornatus pro eodem Vicecomite, ſicut continetur in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Theſaurarii, de Termino Sancti Michaëlis anno xxii° Regis hujus, per breve & Cartam Domini Regis nunc irrotulata in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Theſaurarii, de anno xviii° Regis hujus, videlicet inter Recorda de Termino Sanctæ Trinitatis, rotulo xvi°, r[eddit] compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Burgenſes de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent Lxxl per annum de feodi firma ejuſdem Burgi de Kyngeſton. Habendum ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis Burgenſibus ibidem, de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, a vi° die Maii anno v° Regis E tertii imperpetuum; Reddendo unam med[ietatem] ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xvii° in Ebor[ascira], & in Rotulo xii° Regis E ſecundi, & in Rotulo viii° dicti Regis E. De quibus Vicecomes r[eſpondet] infra. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 6. m. 1. a.*

(a) Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. Robertus Alcock Vicecomes hujus Comitatus, a feſto Sancti Michaëlis anno xi° Regis E iiiii, uſque feſtum Sancti Michaëlis tunc proximo ſequens, per Cartam H vi nuper de facto & non de jure Regis Angliæ, per breve Domini Regis nunc, & actum Parlamenti annotatum in Rotulo vii°, reddit compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra;

Burgenſes de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent Lxxl per annum, de feodi firma ejuſdem Burgi de Kyngeſton, Habendum ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis Burgenſibus ibidem, de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, a vi die Maii anno quinto Regis E tertii imperpetuum; Reddendo unam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis, & alteram medietatem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xvii° H vi in Ebor[ascira], & in Rotulo xii° Regis E ſecundi, & in Rotulo viii° dicti Regis E. De quibus Vicecomes reſpondet infra. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 4. tit. Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. m. 1. a.*

(b) Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. Thomas Thomſon Vicecomes hujus Comitatus a feſto S Michaëlis anno undecimo Regis Henrici octavi, uſque idem feſtum S Michaëlis tunc proximo ſequens, per Cartam Regis Henrici ſexti & breve Regis E quarti, ac auctoritate Parlamenti annotati in Rotulo xii° dicti Regis E, reddit compotum de Firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Burgenſes de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent Lxxl per annum de feodi firma ejuſdem Burgi, habendi ſibi & ſucceſſoribus ſuis Burgenſibus ibidem, de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, a vi° die Maii anno v° Regis E tertii imperpetuum, Reddendo unam medietatem ad Scaccarium S Michaëlis & alteram medietatem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xvii° H ſexti in Ebor[aco], & in Rotulo xii° E ſecundi, & in Rotulo viii° dicti Regis. De quibus Vicecomes reſpondet infra. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. m. 1. a.*

(c) Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. Willelmus Robynſon Vicecomes hujus Comitatus, a feſto Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli anno xxii° Regis Henrici octavi, uſque idem feſtum Sancti Michaëlis tunc proximo ſequens, per Cartam Regis Henrici vi, & breve Regis E iiiii, ac auctoritate Parlamenti annotat[i] in Rotulo vii° dicti Regis E, r[eddit] compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra;

Burgenſes de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent Lxxl per annum, de feodi firma ejuſdem Burgi, Habend[um] ſibi & Succeſſoribus ſuis Burgenſibus ibidem, de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, a vi die Maii anno quinto Regis E tertii imperpetuum, Reddendo unam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis, & alteram medietatem ad Scaccarium Paſchæ, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xvii° H vi, in Ebor[aco], & in Rotulo xii° E ſecundi, & in Rotulo viii° dicti Regis E. De quibus Vicecomes reſpondet infra. *Mag. Rot. 22 Hen. 8. tit. Kyngeſton ſuper Hull. m. 1. a.*

(d) Burgenſes villæ de Kyngeſton ſuper Hull debent xiiii l xiiii s v d, de rem[anente] de Lxxl, pro Willelmo Awmond nuper Vicecomite de anno xxxvi Regis H viii, videlicet de quadam firma Lxxl de feodi firma ejuſdem Burgi, videlicet de eadem firma de anno xxxvi Regis H viii —; Et xiiii l xiiii s v d, de remanente de Lxxl pro Waltero Jobſon nuper Vicecomite de anno xxxvii Regis H viii, ſicut continetur in Rotulo xxxvii, videlicet de eadem firma de anno xxxvii —. Et reſpondent in Rotulo quarto. *Mag. Rot. 1 Edw. 6. m. 1. a. tit. Kyngeſton ſuper Hull.*



CHAP. fourth year of K Edward VI (e).

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IX.

VI. In the Twentyfirst year of K Henry VI, John Ratheby and Cuthbert Skelton Citifens and Sherifs of the City of Lincoln, to wit, John Holins Attorney for the said Citifens and Sherifs, do yield an Accompt to the King for the Firms and other Debts charged on the City (f).

VII. The Sherifs of the City of Norwich First, and then the Citifens, do Accompt to the King after the like manner *mutatis mutandis*, in the Twentyfirst year of K Henry VI (g), the eighth year of K Edward IV (h), the eleventh year of K Henry VIII (i), and the three and thirtieth year of Q Elisabeth (k).

VIII. After the manner abovementioned, *mutatis mutandis*, the Sherifs of the City of Coventry do account for their Ferm and other debts, in the eighth year of K Ed-

(e) Kyngeston super Hull. Thomas Dalton Vicecomes hujus Comitatus, a festo S Michaelis Archangeli, anno regni Domini nunc Edwardi sexti, Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regis, fidei Defensoris, ac in terra Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ & Hibernicæ supremi Capitis quarto, usque idem festum S Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno quinto ejusdem Regis, per Cartam Regis H sexti, & breve Regis E quarti, auctoritate Parlamenti annotati in Rotulo vii dicti Regis E, reddunt compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Burgenfes de Kyngeston super Hull debent Lxxl per annum, de feodi firma ejusdem Burgi, Habend[i] sibi & successoribus suis Burgenfibus ibidem, de Rege & hæredibus Regis, ad feodi firmam, a vi die Maii anno quinto Regis E tercii imperpetuum—. *Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6. m. 1. a.*

(f) Civitas Lincoln[iæ]. Johannes Ratheby & Cuthbertus Skelton Cives & Vicecomites hujus Comitatus, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxiº Regis Henrici sexti, usque idem festum tunc proximo sequens, Johannes Holins Attornatus pro eisdem Civibus & Vicecomitibus, sicut continetur in Memorandis ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii, de anno xxiiº Regis hujus, Termino Michaelis, per breve & Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Angliæ iiiiiº annotata in Rotulo xiº ejusdem nuper Regis, r[eddunt] compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Cives Lincoln[iæ] debent C quater xxl de firma Civitatis suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xiº Regis H iiiiiº in hoc Comitatu, & in Lincoln[iæ] & in Rotulo xiiiº Regis H, & in Rotulo primo Regis J, & in Rotulo secundo Regis H secundi. Solvendum ad Scaccarium Regis, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo sexto. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 6. m. 1. a.*

(g) Comitatus Civitatis Norwici. Robertus Aleyn & Johannes Intewode Vicecomites hujus Comitatus, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxiº Regis Henrici viº, usque festum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, per breve & Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Angliæ quarti, annotata in Rotulo quinto ejusdem Regis H, r[eddunt] compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Cives Norwici debent Cxiii l viii s numero, pro Cviii l bl[ancorum], de feodi firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto Regis H quarti in hoc Comitatu, & in Norf[olcia], & in Rotulo quinto Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo xiiiº Regis E primi. De quibus iidem Vicecomites r[espondent] infra. *Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 6. m. 1. a.*

(h) Cives Norwici debent Cxiii l viii s numero, pro Cviii l bl[ancorum], de feodi firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto H quarti in hoc Comitatu & in Norf[olcia]—. De quibus Vic[ecomites] r[espondent] infra.

Iidem Vicecomites videlicet Ricardus Ferrour & Thomas Veyll reddunt compotum de Cxiii l viii s pro Civibus Norwici de feodi firma Villæ suæ ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 8 Edw. 4. m. 1. a. tit. Civitas Norwici.*

(i) Civitas Norwici. Johannes Burgh & Bartholomæus Spryngwell Vicecomites hujus Comitatus, a festo S Michaelis anno xiº Regis Henrici octavi, usque festum S Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, per breve Regis & Cartam H quarti nuper Regis Angliæ annotata in Rotulo quinto ejusdem nuper Regis H, ac per breve E quarti nuper Regis Angliæ de Confirmatione Cartæ prædictæ prætextu cujusdam Actus in Parlamento ejusdem nuper Regis anno regni sui primo tento annotati in Rotulo secundo dicti nuper Regis, reddunt compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Cives Norwici debent Cxiii l viii s numero, pro Cviii l bl[ancorum] de feodi firma villæ suæ—. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra. Iidem Cives debent xl annui redditus in augmentatione Civitatis prædictæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto H quarti in hoc Comitatu in Norfolcia, & in Rotulo quinto Regis E tercii, & in Rotulis xviº & xxxvº Regis E primi. Iidem Cives debent xls de novo incremento villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto H quarti—. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. Civitas Norwici, m. 1. a.*

(k) Cives Norwici debent Cxiii l viii s numero, pro Cviii l bl[ancorum], de feodi firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo quinto Regis H quarti in hoc Comitatu, & in Rotulis quinto E tercii, & xiii E primi. De quibus Vicecomites respondent infra.

Iidem



CHAP. K *Edward IV* (l), in the eleventh year of *K Henry VIII* (m), the nine and S E C T. IX. twentieth (n), and the three and thirtieth years of *Q Elisabeth* (o). VIII.

Iidem Vicecomites videlicet Nicholaus Layer & Thomas Lane reddunt compotum de Cxiii l vii s pro Civibus Norwici, de feodi firma Villæ suæ ibidem. *Mag. Rot. 33 Eliz. m. 1. a. tit. Civitas Norwici.*

(l) Major & Ballivi ac homines Villæ de Coventr[ia], tenentes Manerii de Cheylesmore, debent Ll per annum de firma Villæ prædictæ; Habendum a xxi die Junii anno primo Regis Ricardi secundi, sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum; Reddendo inde Regi per annum dictas Ll, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis hujus, & in Rotulo xxxii<sup>o</sup> H vi<sup>ti</sup> in Warr[wic]scira] Leyc[estria], & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi secundi; Et DCCCC l de annis præteritis. Summa DCCCCL. *Mag. Rot. 8 Edw. 4. m. 1. a. tit. Civitas Coventriæ.*

(m) Civitas Coventr[ia]. Thomas Dodd & Johannes Cramp Vicecomites hujus Comitatus a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno xi<sup>o</sup> Regis Henrici octavi, usque festum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, virtute brevis Regis E quarti, & Cartæ Regis Henrici sexti, annotat[æ] in Rotulo vii<sup>o</sup> Regis E quarti, reddunt compotum de Firmis & aliis debitis ut infra.

Major Ballivi ac Homines Villæ Coventr[ia] tenentes Manerii de Cheylesmore debent Ll per annum de firma Villæ prædictæ, Habend[æ] a xxi<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno primo Ricardi secundi sibi & successoribus suis imperpetuum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum dictas Ll, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E quarti, & in Rotulo xxxii<sup>o</sup> H sexti in Warr. Leyc., & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi secundi, Et MDCL l de annis præteritis; Sum-

ma, MDCC l. *Mag. Rot. 11 Hen. 8. tit. ut supra, Civitas Coventr. m. 1. a.*

(n) Civitas Coventr[ia]. Edmundus Wells & Willelmus Showcotte Vicecomites hujus Comitatus a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, anno regni Dominæ nunc Elizabethæ Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris &c, xxix<sup>o</sup>, usque idem festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequens, anno regni ejusdem Dominæ Reginæ nunc xxx<sup>o</sup>, virtute brevis E quarti, & cartæ Regis H sexti annotat[æ] rotulo septimo Regis E quarti, reddunt compotum de firmis & aliis debitis ut infra;

Major Ballivi ac homines Villæ Coventr[ia], tenentes Manerii de Chellesmore, debent Ll per annum de firma Villæ prædictæ, Habendum a xxi<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno primo Regis Ricardi secundi, sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum Ll, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E quarti. — *Mag. Rot. 29 Eliz. tit. Civitas Coventr[ia]. m. 1. a.*

(o) Major Ballivi ac homines Villæ Coventr[ia], tenentes Manerii de Chellesmore, debent Ll per annum, de firma Villæ prædictæ; Habendum a xxi<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno primo Regis Ricardi secundi, sibi & hæredibus suis imperpetuum; Reddendo inde Reginæ per annum quinquaginta libras, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis æqualiter, sicut continetur in Rotulo primo Regis E quarti, & in Rotulo xxxii<sup>o</sup> Regis H sexti in Warr[wic]scira] Leyc[estria], & in Rotulo secundo Regis Ricardi secundi; Et MMDCCC l de annis præteritis. Summa MMDCCCL. *Mag. Rot. 33 Eliz. m. 1. a. tit. Civitas Coventriæ.*





## CHAPTER X.

I. *In fact, Particular persons, members of Corporate Bodies, have in the course of several ages past been Charged to the King with a Debt due to Him from their Corporate Community. Proofs thereof in several cases, to wit;*

II, Colchester.

III, Lincoln.

IV, Stamford.

V, Wic.

VI, London.

VII, London.

VIII, Warwick.

IX, John Adrien and Luke de Barentenurt.

X, Grimmesby.

XI, Norwich.

XII, London.

XIII, London.

XIV, London.

XV, Derby.

XVI, Norwich.

XVII, Chichester.

XVIII, Yarmouth.

XIX, Grantham.

XX, XXI, Cokenage the Linen-weaver against Large and Cher-teley.

XXII, Southampton.

XXIII, Andevere.

XXIV, Bristoll.

XXV, John Devell.

XXVI, Guy de Affhewilder and others.

XXVII, Coventry.

XXVIII, *The Merchants of Almaine.*

XXIX, *Superadded Cases, to wit of Southampton and Lymington.*

XXX, Plymmouth.

XXXI, Kingston upon Thames, London, and Bristoll.

XXXII, *The Mayor and Commonalty of Norwich.*

XXXIII, Peter Otheci and others *Citizens of Clermont in Auvergne.*

XXXIV, Giles Faumin and others *Citizens of Valenciennes in Haynault.*

I.



hitherto we have balanced the matter of our present Enquiry under several Heads. In this Chapter we are to consider expressly How the Precedents have been in Times past, in the Reigns of several Kings Ancient and Modern. And I shall here muster such onely as seem to point *ad aciem questionis*. In the mean time let it be remembred, that we may justly expect to find the Fewer instances or precedents upon this point; because in ancient times it was not the method most usually taken by the Kings Courts of Law or his Officers There, to do execution upon Particular members of a Corporate Body for the Debt due from their Community. Anciently, they had and practised a more compendious and more effectual method, namely to seize the Corporate Town with its Liberties and appurtenances into the Kings hands. This was to resume the Whole Ferme or Franchise, and in effect to Do execution upon all the Townsmen at once. But although this was the most usual method, nevertheless the King was at liberty to take his Remedy against Particular Townsmen, if he thought fit to pursue That course rather than to resume the Ferme or Franchise. I proceed to cite the Precedents.



CHAP. II. In the Twentyninth year of K *Henry II*, the Town of *Colchester* in *Essex* SECT. X. was amerced before Justices Errant for an Escape. They were amerced *secundum* II. III. IV. *facultates*, in this manner, to wit, Each of the Chief Townsmen at a certain sum V. VI. of money; the rest or poorer sort in gross or all together (a).

III. In the Fourteenth year of K *John*, *Adam* Mayor of *Lincoln* made Fine to the King in D marks, To obtain the Kings Favour. The whole Town of *Lincoln* mainprised for it; and in particular *Thomas de Paris* and *Ralf* son of *Lefwin* the Provost of *Lincoln* (b).

IV. In the one and thirtieth year of K *Henry III*, the *Jews* of *Stamford* in *Lincolnshire* were by Custom bound to pay to the Burgeses of *Stamford* a certain Lot or quota of the yearly Ferme payable to the King. That quota was in arere. Thereupon the Sherif of *Lincolnshire* was commanded by a Writ, to distrein the *Jews* by their lands and chatells to pay the same to the said Burgeses (c). Here we see the King caused the *Jews* of *Stamford* (particular Inhabitants of that Town) to be distrained to render a Debt to the Burgeses. *A fortiori*, he might by his officers distrain Particular Burgeses for the Ferme or Debt due to His Crown.

V. In the Twentysecond year of K *Henry III*, a Writ issued to the Sherif of *Worcestershire*, commanding him to take the Town of *Wic* into the Kings hand for the arrerages of their Ferm, and to distrein the Townsmen for the Debts due to the King, for the King would require the said Debts from the Sherif himself. He was also commanded by Writ, to summon certain Burgeses of *Wic* who were named in the Writ, to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer, to answer Why they did not pay their said Ferm, in regard they held their Town by payment thereof, and Why they did not acquitt their Bailif who made oath to the Marshall at the Exchequer for the said Debts. The Barons gave leave to *Thomas* son of *Hugh* who undertook for the Debts of the said Burgh, to go to his Countrey as prisoner, and to return prisoner on the Morrow of St *Michael* (d).

VI. In the Thirtyseventh year of K *Henry III*, *John de Tolesan* Mayor and *Richard Picard* and *John de Norhamton* Sherifs of *London*, were committed prisoners to the Marshall of the Exchequer, for a Debt of CCC marks due for the Aid to the Kings Passage into *Gascoigne* (e).

VII. In

(a) *Hist. Excheq.* p 387, col. 1. x.

(b) *Adam* Major *Lincolniæ* reddit compotum de D marcis, pro habenda benevolentia Regis. Tota Villata manuceperunt; Et *Thomas de Paris* & *Radulfus filius Lefwini* Præpositi *Lincolniæ* sunt Plegii ipsius Majoris, & hoc manuceperunt cum tota Villata. In thesauro CC & xixl per manus *Johannis filii Hugonis*. *Mag. Rot.* 14 *Joh. Rot.* 12. b. *Lincollschira*.

(c) *Linc[oln]scira*. Mandatum est Vicecomiti, quod distringat Judæos *Stamfordiæ* per terras & catalla sua, ad reddendum Hominibus *Stamfordiæ* id quod eis aretro est de hoc quod reddere consueverunt prædictis Burgenfibus annuatim ad firmam Villæ suæ, tempore quo eadem Villa extitit in manu Comitis *Warwici*. Ne pro defectu &c. *Pas. Communia* 31 *Hen.* 3. *Rot.* 6. a.

(d) *Wygornia*. Præceptum est Vicecomiti quod capiat in manum Regis Villam de *Wic*, pro xxiiil & viiis iiiid de arreragiis firmæ Villæ ejusdem; sicut plenius continetur in brevi, & quod distringat pro debitis quæ Regi debentur in eadem Villa; quia Rex capiet se ad eum de prædictis debitis. Et præceptum est ei quod venire faciat Burgenfes nominatos in brevi coram Baronibus de *Scacca-*

*rio* in *Craistino Sancti Michaelis*, ad respondendum quare non solverunt prædictam firmam, Desicut Villam suam habuerunt ad firmam, & quare non acquietaverunt Ballivum suum qui affidavit Marescallo ad Scaccarium pro dictis debitis. Et concessum est per Barones *Thomæ filio Hugonis* qui affidavit pro debitis dicti Burgi, quod eat ad patriam suam ut Priſo, & in *Craistino Sancti Michaelis* veniat Priſo. *Memoranda* 22 *Hen.* 3. *Rot.* 11, b. ad imum.

*Willelmus filius Alani Philippus Clech* & alii Homines de *Wich[io]* reddunt compotum de quater xxl blancorum de firma villæ suæ, qui sunt extensi ad quater xx & iiiil numero, Et de xxiiil de remanente ejusdem sicut continetur infra; In thesauro C & xiiil; Et in decima constituta Monachis *Westmonasterii* viiiil, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti; Et debent iiiil. *Mag. Rot.* 46 *Hen.* 3. tit. *Wygornia*, m. 2. a.

Homines de *Wychio* scilicet *Ricardus Alewy Ricardus Albot Willelmus de Bosco*, & alii Homines ejusdem villæ, debent quater xx vi bl[ancorum], qui sunt extensi ad quater xx ixl vs numero, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti. *Mag. Rot.* 18 *Edw.* 1. tit. *Wygornia*, m. 2. a. in imo.

(e) Liberatio. *Londonia*. *Johannes de Tolesan*



CH A P. VII. In the Thirtyeighth year of K *Henry III*, the Sherifs of *London* were com- S E C T.  
 X. manded by a Writ of the Exchequer to distrein the Citifens of *London* (or the Com- VII.VIII.  
 muna of the City) for *Queens-gold* (f). In the Thirtyninth year of the same King, the said Sherifs were commanded by a writ of the Exchequer to distrein the Citifens of *London* or *Cives Londoniæ* for the said *Queens-gold*. At the return-day of this latter writ, the Barons examined the Sherifs whether they had the money ready. They answered No; but that they had seized certain *Vadia* of the said Citifens, and could find nobody that would buy them. They were ordered to bring the said *Vadia* before the Barons at a day prefixed. At That day they came, and said that several Citifens near one thousand in number, to wit, Drapers Spicers and other Tradesmen, resisted them, and would not suffer them to carry away the said *Vadia*. Upon this the Sherifs were committed prisoners to the Marshal of the Exchequer (g). Afterwards, *Michael Tony*, *Robert Hardell*, *Thomas Adrian*, and *Simon de Cobham* for the Community of the whole City came and mainprized the said Sherifs (h). It doth not certainly appear What these *Vadia* were. Haply they might be some *Gaiges* or *Pledges* seized by the Sherifs as a Security, to be kept till the summ due could be answered in ready money; or some Goods seized, by Sale whereof the money due was to be raised. This explication is confirmed by a conformity in the expressions used in a Charter made by *Robert Duke of Burgundy* to the Community of *Diion*, in the year of MCCLXXXIV, coëval to this transaction relating to *London* (i), and in another Instrument or Charter of the same Duke of *Burgundy* made to the Men of the Town of *Beaune* (k). Upon this Case of the Citifens of *London*, a few things may be remarked. First, The *Vadia* of the Citifens were seized for a Debt due to the Queen. And probably these *Vadia* were the Goods of Particular Citifens. For the Sherifs, when they went to Do execution, could in likelihood more readily find the Goods of Particular Citifens than Goods which the Citifens might be said to possess in a Corporate capacity. And it doth no way appear, that in the Thirtyninth year of K *Henry III*, either the Sherifs of *London* or any body else then living had any notion of possessing in a Corporate capacity, as distinct from possessing in a particular or personal capacity. For this was long before the word *Corporation* or *Corpus Corporatum* came to be used in *England* in the modern sense. Secondly, We see here the Sherifs of *London* were imprisoned, either for the Debt of *Queens-gold* due from the Citifens, or for the Offense of the Citifens in rescuing the *Vadia*. Lastly, As the Sherifs answered in this case for the Particular Citifens, So Four Principal Citifens came and mainprized the Sherifs, and therein answered for the whole Community of the City, whose proper Debt it was.

VIII. In the Fortieth year of K *Henry III*, the Sherif of *Warwickshire* was commanded by a Writ of the Exchequer to Distrein all the Tenants of the Suburb of *Warwick*, as well within the Liberty of the Town as without, who merchandized in the City of *Warwick*, to partake with the Townsmen of *Warwick* in an Amerciament of Forty marks which they owed to the King for a Trespass; and to see that the said Forty marks be assessed according to each mans ability (l). By this Writ the Sherif was ordered to distrein the *Suburbians* to pay their

Tolesan Major Londoniæ, & Ricardus Picard & Johannes de Northampton Vicecomites Londoniæ liberantur Marefcallo pro CCC marcis quas Regi debent de Auxilio ad Paslagium Domini Regis in Wasconiam. Ex Memorandis 37° incipiente 38° Hen. 3. Rot. 4. b.

(f) — distringant Communam Civitatis Londoniæ —. Hist. Exch. p 241. col. 2. i, k.

(g) Hist. Exch. p 698, col. 1. m.

(h) Ibid. p 698. col. 2. n.

(i) Pignora aut gagia quæ Major & Scabini Divionis capient vel capi facient, ab illis

qui de dictis duabus marchis & pecunia non satisfecerint, postquam mandato nostro tradita fuerint, per octo dies continuos servabuntur antequam vendantur. Recueil pour Bourgogne, sub AD 1284; p 347. editore Perardo Viro Clarissimo.

(k) Pignora vel gaigia quæ Major & Scabini Belnæ capient seu capi facient, ab illis qui de duabus marchis argenti vel de pecunia prædictis non satisfecerint, postquam mandato nostro tradita fuerint, per octo dies continuos servabuntur antequam vendantur. In charta Roberti Ducis Burg. data AD 1283. Recueil pour Bourgogne p 278.

(l) Mandatum est Vicecomiti Warwici, quod distringat omnes tenentes de suburbio Warwici,



CHAP. their share of the Forty marks, that is, to levy upon them their share. And the SECT.  
 X. manner of levying it is here prescribed, to wit, equitably, according to each per IX. X. XI.  
 fons substance. If therefore the *Suburbians* were lyable to pay towards this For- XII.  
 ty marks, because they had the benefit of Trading in the Town, by stronger rea-  
 son the particular Townsmen were lyable.

IX. In the Fiftysecond year of K *Henry III*, *William de Duresme* and *Walter Hervey* Bailifs of *London*, were commanded by a Writ of the Exchequer, to bring the bodies of *John Adrien* and *Luke de Batencurt* late Sherifs before the Barons, on Wednesday next after Easter-week, and to seise into the Kings hands all the said *Lukes* chatells, for certain Debts which he owed to the King, and for not having passed his Account, as late Sherif of *London* (m).

X. At the end of the reign of K *Henry III* and in the First year of K *Edward I*, the Men of the Town of *Grimesby* in *Lincolnshire* owed the King xviii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>s</sup>, part of their Ferme. *Philipp* late Mayor of *Grimesby* was committed prisoner to the Marshall of the Exchequer for it. Day was given him as a Prisoner upon parole to pay it, before the Morrow of St *Hilary*. Afterwards he was committed to the Fleet-prison for non-payment. Lastly he Fined to the King in xl<sup>s</sup>, to be delivered out of prison (n).

XI. In the Fourteenth year of K *Edward I* the Citizens of *Norwich* owed the King several Debts. Days were given them at the Exchequer for paying thereof. They did not keep their Days. Thereupon a Writ issued to the Sherif of *Norfolk*, commanding him to enter the Liberty of *Norwich*, and to distrain Twelve of the Richer and more Discreet Men of the City, to appear at the Exchequer in the *Utas* of St. *Hilary*, to answer for the said Debts (o).

XII. In the Thirtyfifth year of K *Edward I*, *John le Blound* Mayor of *London* and all the Aldermen of the City, for themselves and for the whole Community of the said City, came into the Exchequer, and Fined to the King in MM marks for the Vintisme of the Goods of the said Community. They paid the greater part of it into the Exchequer by several Tallies. There remained unpaid Fourscore and three pounds eleven shillings. In the First year of K *Edward II*, a writ of *Fieri facias* issued out of the Exchequer, commanding the Sherifs of *London* to levy That sum on the goods and chatells of the Mayor Aldermen and whole Community of the City of *London* (p).

XIII. In

Warwici, tam de Libertate quam extra, qui mercandizam faciunt in Urbe Warwici, ad participandum cum omnibus de prædicta Urbe de xl marcis quas Regi debent pro transgressione. Ita quod prædictæ xl marcæ asfideantur &c secundum facultates &c, ne amplius. *Mich. Communia* 40 *Hen. 3. incipiente* 41, *Rot. 3. a.*

The Men of the Town of Warwick were also summoned to appear in octabis S Hilarii, ad ostendendum qua ratione ipsi exigunt quod Homines de Suburbio ejusdem Villæ participant cum eis in misericordia quadraginta marcarum, ad quas homines prædictæ Villæ amerciati fuerunt pro transgressione. Et interim prædictis hominibus pacem &c. *Ibid. Rot. 5. a.*

(m) *Hist. Excheq. p 696. q.*

(n) De Majore de Grymesby liberato Marescallo. Homines de Grimesby debent Regi xviii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>s</sup> de firma villæ suæ, pro quibus Philippus de Grimesby Major ejusdem villæ liberatur Marescallo. Postea habet diem in crastino Sancti Hillarii, ad solvendum prædictos denarios, ut priso. Require in Termino Sanctæ Trinitatis. *Mich. Communia* 56 *incipiente* 57 *Hen. 3. viz. in Bundello notato* 1

*Edw. I. Rot. 1. b.*

*Lincoln[ia]. De prisone misso usque Flete. Memorandum quod Philippus quondam Major de Grimesby, qui liberatus fuit Marescallo pro xviii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>s</sup> quos Homines ejusdem Villæ Regi debuerunt de firma sua, & quos solvisse debuit ut priso in crastino Sancti Hillarii, sicut continetur in Memor[andis] in termino Sancti Michaelis, missus est ad prisonam de Flete, quia diem suum prædictum non servavit. Postea fecit finem ut deliberetur a prisona prædicta per xls. Trin. Communia* 1 *Edw. I. Rot. 7. a.*

(o) *Hist. Exch. p 681. col. 1. b.*

(p) *London[ia]. Johannes le Blound Major Civitatis Londoniæ & omnes Aldermanni Civitatis ejusdem, pro se & tota Communitate Civitatis prædictæ venerunt modo hic, & dare concesserunt Domino Regi MM libras, pro habenda perdonatione de vicesima bonorum omnium Communitatis antedictæ. Et concessum est quod solvant &c ut supra. Postea in Termino Paschæ solverunt Mille marcas per i talliam. Item solverunt eodem Termino Paschæ MCCxlixi<sup>l</sup> xv<sup>s</sup> viii<sup>d</sup>, per sex tallias. Et debent quater xx iii<sup>l</sup> xi<sup>s</sup>. Postea præceptum est Vicecomitibus, quod fieri faciant*



CHAP. XIII. In the Eighteenth year of K *Edward I*, the Citizens of *London* owed the King divers great Debts, to the amountance of Thirteen thousand pounds and more. The Community of the City were to pass an Account at the Exchequer for those Debts. When they came to That part of their Accompt which was called their *Summ*, it was required that all the Aldermen of *London* should personally attend, partly for Solemnity, and partly to become answerable to the King for their Community. But because all the Aldermen of *London* were not then present at the Exchequer, the Accompt was adjourned to a further Day (q).

XIV. A writ issued to the Sherifs of *London* retornable in *Michaelmas-term* in the First year of K *Edward II*, commanding them to summon *Nicolas de Farn-don* Alderman of the Ward of *Farendon*, and Five or Six others Aldermen of their several Wards, Collectours of the Tallage lately assessed in *London* by *Roger de Hegham* and his Fellows in the time of K *Edward I*, to appear in the Exchequer, and finish their accounts of the said Tallage; and if any of the said Aldermen were dead, then to summon the Executours of such deceased persons, in order to pass their Accounts (r). That this may be the better understood, it is to be known that in ancient times when the Command had issued for tallaging the City of *London*, the Aldermen did of course collect the Tallage within their several Wards, and pay it into the Kings Exchequer; that is to say, when the Tallage was assessed and answered *singillatim*. Each Alderman caused it to be apportioned in his Wardmote amongst the Inhabitants of the Ward according to each mans substance, and was encharged to answer it *ad assen* to the King (s).

XV. In the First year of K *Edward II*, a Writ issued out of the Exchequer, commanding *William de Chelaston* Sherif of the Counties of *Notingham* and *Derby* to levy Cvil xvii s, to the Kings use, on the lands and chatells of the Men of the Community of the Town of *Derby*. By vertue of That Writ the said Sherif seized several goods of *Walter de London* Chaplain of *Derby*, to the value of his Contingent or the summ due from him, and answered the same to the King upon his the said Sherifs Account (t).

XVI. An

faciant &c debitum prædictum; sicut continetur in Rotulo brevium de anno primo, termino S Hilarii. *Hist. Excheq. p 427, col. 1.*

Londonia. Præceptum est Vicecomitibus, quod de bonis & catallis Majoris Aldermanorum & totius Communitatis Civitatis London[ia] fieri faciant quater xx iii l xi s, de MM l quas iidem Major & Aldermanni pro se & tota Communitate Civitatis prædictæ concesserunt Domino E quondam Regi Angliæ patri Regis nunc, pro vicesima bonorum omnium Civitatis prædictæ, Ita &c in octabis Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ &c. Teste W de Carlton xxvi<sup>o</sup> die Januarii. Per Rotulum Memorandorum de anno xxxv<sup>o</sup> termino Michaelis inter Recorda. Ad quem [diem] Vicecomites non retornarunt breve. Ideo in crastino clausi Paschæ. Postea ad diem illum non retornarunt breve. Ideo sicut pluries in crastino Sancti Johannis. Ad quem diem Vicecomites non retornarunt breve. Ideo sicut pluries in crastino Sanctæ Margaretæ. *Mich. Brevia Returnabilia 1 Edw. 2. Rot. 92. dorso.*

(q) De die dato Communitati Londoniæ. Facta summa debitorum contingentium Communitatem Londoniæ, Debent tredecim mille CCv libras iii d obolum. De quibus subtractis viginti mille marcis, Debent Dxxxviii l vi s xi d ob. Et quia omnes Aldermanni ejusdem Civitatis non fuerunt ibi præsentis, datus est eis dies in octabis S Michaelis ad respondendum de eisdem debitis. *Hist. Excheq. p 649 (p).*

(r) London[ia]. Præceptum est Vicecomitibus Londoniæ quod venire faciant hic, die Lunæ proxima post Octabas Sancti Martini, Nicholaum de Farndon Aldermannum Wardæ de Farendon, Johannem de Cantuaria Aldermannum de Warda Turris, Johannem de Armenters Aldermannum Wardæ de Langebourn, Richerum de Refham Aldermannum Wardæ de Bassieshawe, Johannem le Blount Aldermannum Wardæ Fori, Johannem le Corner Aldermannum Wardæ Vine-triæ, & Radulphum de Honylane, Collectores Tallagii Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ patris Regis nunc, per Rogerum de Hegham & Socios suos in Civitate Londoniæ dudum assessi, ad reddendum Regi compotum nondum redditum de eodem Tallagio; Et si aliquis eorum mortuus fuerit, venire faciant ibidem ad eundem diem executores testamenti eorundem Aldermannorum, ad reddendum Regi compotum prædictum; & habeant ibi hanc billam. Per Rotulum Extractarum de tallagio prædicto, & rotulum Memorandorum de anno tricesimo quarto Regis E filii Regis H Status compotorum. *Mich. Brevia returnabilia 1 Edw. 2. Rot. 91. dorso, ex parte Remem. Thes. Et vid. Hist. Excheq. p 694. t.*

(s) *Hist. Exch. p 489. 490. 508. 510.*

(t) Derb[isira]. Walterus de Londonia Capellanus Derbiæ venit hic, super compotum Willelmi de Chelaston nuper Vicecomitis Not[ingham]siæ & Derb[isira]siæ, & queritur de eodem Willelmo, quod idem Willel-

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CHAP. XVI. An arerage of xlv l viii s was due to the King for the Ferme of the City S E C T.

X. of *Norwich* for the Fourteenth year of K *Edward II.* Thereupon, the Bailifs of *Norwich* were commanded by Writ to levy the said arerage on the chatells of

those who were Bailifs of the City for That year; and if the chatells and lands of the said Bailifs were not sufficient to answer all the said arerage, then to levy the residue (of what could not be levied upon the Bailifs) on the chatells of the Citizens,

mus die Lunæ proximo post festum Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ anno Regis E nunc primo, venit ad domum dicti Walteri in Villa Derb[iæ], & sub colore cujusdam debiti xx l quod venit super ipsum Walterum & Manuaptor- res suos in Summonitione Scaccarii, de fine pro transgressione, idem Willelmus cepit ibidem bona & catalla ipsius Walteri & dictorum Manuaptorum suorum ad valentiam xxvi librarum, videlicet blada in grangea ad valentiam vii l, fœnum pretii xx s, unum ciphum de Mazero pretii xx s, sex ollas æneas pretii xviii s, tres patellas pretii vi d, Bacinum cum lotorio pretii iiii s vi d, unum caminum ferr[eum] pretii ii s, sex pecias plumbi pretii ix s, ferrum pretii xxii d, duo paria ferr[orum] pro caruc[a] pretii xviii d, duo paria ferrorum quæ vocantur Aundirnes pretii iiii s, unam catenam ferri pretii iiii s, & alia diversa bona tam ipsius Walteri quam Manuaptorum suorum, usque ad summam prædictam; Et eadem bona inde asportavit; nec ipsum Walterum acquietavit versus Regem, nisi tantum de vii l vis vi d de prædictis xx l. Et residuum dictorum bonorum hucusque penes se injuste detinuit, & sibi ipsi appropriavit; absque hoc quod eidem Waltero talliam indenturam aut aliud instrumentum de receptione dictorum bonorum suorum facere noluit. Ad dampnum ipsius Walteri xx librarum; & hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus Willelmus qui præsens est, defendit omnem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et dicit quod breve Domini Regis sibi venit, quod non omitteret propter libertatem Villæ Derb[iæ] quin eam ingrederetur, & de terris & catallis hominum de Communitate ejusdem Villæ fieri faceret Cvi l xvii s, de pluribus debitis, ad opus Regis, infra quam summam prædictæ xx l de debito dicti Walteri continebantur. Prætextu cujus brevis idem Willelmus cepit in manum Regis de bonis dicti Walteri ad valentiam vii l vis vi d tantum; de quibus eisdem denarios levavit, & ipsum Walterum versus Regem inde acquietavit, prout patet in compoto suo. Et quod plura bona ipsius Walteri seu Manuaptorum suorum non cepit, seu in possessionem suam devenerunt, præter ea quæ superius recognovit; nec aliquam transgressionem ei fecit. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur.

Et prædictus Walterus dicit, quod prædictus Willelmus cepit de bonis & catallis ipsius Walteri & Manuaptorum suorum prædictorum usque ad summam prædictarum xxvi l, & quod residuum eorundem bonorum, ultra prædictas vii l vis vi d, adhuc penes se injuste detinet, in forma qua superius narravit versus eum. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic in Craistino Sancti Hil-

larii xii m &c de Villa Derb[iæ], ad certificandum &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Walterus venit; & prædictus Willelmus non venit. Ideo ipse in misericordia. Et consideratum est quod inquisitio alias capiatur per ejus defaltam. Et Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias, quod venire faciat hic in quindena Paschæ xii &c, nisi Magister Adam de Agmondesham prius &c; Et quod distringat prædictum Willelmum per terras &c, ad audiendum recognitionem dictæ inquisitionis &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt. Et Vicecomes retornavit, quod returnum brevis fecerat ballivis libertatis Villæ Derbiæ, qui nichil inde fecerunt. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis a die Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in xv dies, nisi Magister Adam de Agmondesham & Henricus de Braylesford seu alter ipsorum prius &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Henricus mandavit inquisitionem per ipsum captam apud Derb[iam], die Jovis in septimana Pentecostæ proximo præterita, per Walterum de Dovarthorp & alios Juratores; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod dictus Willelmus cepit de bonis dicti Walteri ad valentiam xx l, & de bonis manuaptorum suorum ad valentiam iiii l, de quibus non acquietavit ipsum Walterum versus Regem nisi de vii l vis vi d tantum, & residuum omnium bonorum prædictorum, tam prædicti Walteri quam Manuaptorum suorum, penes dictum Willelmum adhuc residet; ad dampnum ipsius Walteri xii l &c. Et dies præfixa est partibus, quod sint coram Baronibus de Scaccario apud Westm[onasterium] in quindena Sancti Johannis supradicta ad audiendum judicium suum, juxta veredictum dictæ inquisitionis &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Walterus venit. Et prædictus Willelmus non venit. Ideo per ejus defaltam proceditur ad judicium. Et inspecto prædicto processu, cons[ideratum] est quod prædictus Walterus recuperet versus prædictum Willelmum residuum prædictorum bonorum, de quibus ipsum non acquietavit, videlicet xvii l xiii s vi d, Et dampna sua ad triplum: quorum summa est Ll vi d; in qua summa prædictæ xvi l xiii s vi d computantur; juxta formam Statuti Domini Regis, de Vicecomitibus & aliis Ministris qui debita Regis levant, & debitores Regis non acquietant provisi; Et quod prædictus Willelmus capiatur ad satisfaciendum Regi &c. *In the Margin of the Roll these words are written with the same Penn, viz. Dampna Ll vi d. De quibus Clericis] Cs, & Ricardo de Not[ingamia] assignantur xls. Postea satisfactum est prædictis Clericis de Cs, & prædicto Ricardo de xl s, prout recognoverunt. Ideo prædictus Willelmus [sit] inde quietus. Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 17. a.*



CHAP. tenses, and to pay the money levied into the Kings Exchequer on the Morrow of S E C T.  
X. Saint Martin (u). XVII.

XVII. In the Eighteenth year of K *Richard II*, Two Principal Citizens of *Chichester* were charged by Judgment of the Court of Exchequer with a Debt due to the King from the Citizens of That City. The case was this. *John Felix* Bailif of *Chichester* was amerced at *xiii s iiii d*, for not attending at a Session of the Peace to Do his office. This Debt went-out in the Summonee of the Exchequer. The Sherif at his Apposal upon that Summonee, declared upon oath, that *John Felix* had no Lands or chatells whereon the said Debt might be levied. The Barons of the Exchequer considering, that in regard *John Felix* himself was insolvent, the King ought to be paid the said Debt by the Citizens of *Chichester* who chose *John Felix* into that Office, did award a Writ of *Scire facias*, to Warn the Citizens of *Chichester* to appear such a day at the Exchequer, and shew cause why they themselves ought not to be charged to the King with the said Debt. Upon this Writ the Sherif returneth, that he had Warned *John Castell* and *Thomas Pacchyng* Citizens of *Chichester* to appear before the Court of Exchequer, to Shew Propose and Do as the said Writ required. *John Castell* and *Thomas Pacchyng* did not appear at the day prefixed. Hereupon the Court gives Judgment, That the said *John Castell* and *Thomas Pacchyng* be Charged to the King with the said Debt (w).

XVIII. In the Third year of K *Henry IV*, *James Andrew* Attorney of the Townsmen of *Great Tarmouth* was inhibited not to withdraw from the Exchequer untill he had paid the King *xxl* the Profer for the Ferm and Issues of the said Town. He withdrew, the said *xxl* being unpaid. Thereupon the Sherif of *Norfolk*

(u) Norff. Quia *xlvi viii s* Regi aretro sunt de firma Civitatis Norwyci de anno *xiii*°, præceptum est Ballivis Civitatis prædictæ, quod de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis illorum qui fuerunt Ballivi ejusdem Civitatis anno prædicto, dictas *xlvi viii s* fieri faciant; Et si bona & catalla & terræ & tenementa eorundem Ballivorum ad dictum debitum non sufficiant, tunc residuum debiti quod de bonis & catallis & terris & tenementis eorum levare non poterit, de bonis & catallis Civium &c fieri faciant; Ita quod denarios illos habeant hic in *Craftino sancti Martini* Regi solvendo. Et hoc nullo modo omittant. Teste W de Norwyco *xv*° die Octobris. Mich. Brevia 15 Edw. 2. Rot. 81. a. Et ibid. Rot. 82. b. another Writ to the like purpose, directed Ballivis Civitatis Norwici.

(w) Surreia Suffexia. Memorandum quod cum exigantur per Summonitionem hujus Scaccarii de Johanne Felix ballivo Civitatis Cicestræ *xiii s iiii d*, quia non venit coram Justiciariis Domini Regis nunc ad pacem in Comitatu Suffexiæ, ad officium suum faciendum anno regni ejusdem Regis nunc *xv*°, Ac Nicholas Slyfeld nuper Vicecomes Comitatum Surreiæ & Suffexiæ super compoto suo de Officio Vicecomitatus prædicti ad dictum Scaccarium hic reddito, a festo S Michaelis anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc *xvii*°, usque idem festum proximo sequens anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc *xviii*°, per Barones allocutus de debito prædicto, dicit super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Johannes Felix nulla habuit bona nec catalla tempore quo prædictus Nicholas fuit Vicecomes Comitatum prædictorum, nec aliqua terras neque tenementa, supradicto anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc *xv*° seu un-

quam postea, unde debitum prædictum seu aliquam parcellam inde levasse potuit, Idem Dominus Rex nunc indemnitati suæ in hac parte prospicere, & per Cives Civitatis prædictæ qui præfatum Johannem Felix elegerunt in officium prædictum, ob insufficientiam ipsius Johannis Felix satisfieri volens ut est justum [here the Syntax is broken], Concordatum est quod prædicti Cives præmuniantur per breve de Scire facias effendi hic ad ostendendum & proponendum si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de *xiii s iiii d* prædictis ob insufficientiam prædicti Johannis versus Dominum Regem onerari, & eidem Domino Regi nunc inde respondere & satisfacere non deb[eant]. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Surr[eiæ] & Suffex[iæ] quod per probos &c, ita &c a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in *xv* dies, ad ostendendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfato Nicholao Slyfeld nuper Vicecomiti, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Nicholas Slyfeld venit in propria persona sua. Et Vicecomes videlicet Edwardus Seint Johan retornavit breve, Et mandavit quod scire fecit Johanni Castell & Thomæ Pacchyng Civibus Civitatis Cicestræ, quod sint coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii hic ad diem & locum in dicto brevi contentos, ad ostendendum proponendum & faciendum prout dictum breve requirit, per Johannem atte Lee & Willelmum Lude. Et prædicti Johannes Castell & Thomas Pacchyng ad prædictam *xv*am Sanctæ Trinitatis solempniter vocati non venerunt. Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Johannes Castell & Thomas Pacchyng onerentur versus Regem de *xiii s iiii d* prædictis, prætextu returni prædicti & aliorum præmissorum. Pas. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 13.



CHAP. *folk* was commanded by Writ of the Exchequer, to attach *James Andrew* for the S E C T.

X. Contempt, and in the mean time to levy the *xxl* on the lands and chatells of the XIX.

Townsmen (*de terris & catallis prædictorum Hominum*). The Sherif returned his Writ endorfed thus, That *James Andrew* was not found in his Bailiwick; And that he had taken of the lands of the Men and Bailifs (*Hominum & Ballivorum*) of the said Town goods to the value of *xxl*; which goods remained in his hands for want of Buyers; And that assoon as the said goods were sold, he would answer the money to the King. Afterwards, the Townsmen of *Tarmouth* (*Homines villæ prædictæ*) exhibited to the Court a Tally of payment, testifying that they had paid the said *xxl* into the Kings Exchequer. And so they were Quit (*x*).

XIX. In the Fourth year of K *Henry IV*, the Townsmen of *Grantham* in *Lincolnshire* were Charged to the King in a Roll of Estreats with certain goods taken upon a Felon. They are Charged by the Name of *John del Botery* and his companions Constables of *Grantham* and *John de Haryngton* and others Men of the same Town. They are impleaded in the Exchequer at the Kings suit by That Name or Style. And in the Exchequer Judgment is entred, That the said *John del Botery* and the Constables and other Townsmen of *Grantham* be Discharged of part of the said Goods, And that they be Charged with the price of other part thereof (*y*).

XX. In

(*x*) Norf[olcia]. De Hominibus villæ Magnæ Jernemuth[æ] occasionatis pro *xxl* de profro suo de termino Paschæ anno secundo Regis nunc.

Memorandum quod, pro eo quod Homines villæ Magnæ Jernemuth[æ], quibus inhibitum erat ne recederent a Curia quousque Regi satisfecissent de *xxl*, quas eidem Regi debuerunt de profro suo ad crastinum Clausi Paschæ ultimo præteritum, per Jacobum Andrew eorum attornatum facto de firma & exitibus villæ prædictæ, recesserunt a Curia dicto Regi nunc de *xxl* prædictis minime satisfacto, in contemptum Regis dampnum non modicum & jacturam, Præceptum fuit Vicecomiti Norfolciæ & Suffolciæ per breve hujus Scaccarii, datum xvi<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno regni Domini Regis nunc secundo, quod non omitteret propter aliquam libertatem quin eam &c, & attachiaret prædictum Jacobum per corpus suum ubicumque &c, ita &c in xv<sup>a</sup> S Johannis Baptistæ, ad audiendum judicium suum de contemptu prædicto; Et interim de terris & catallis prædictorum Hominum fieri faceret *xxl* prædictas, ita &c ad prædictam xv<sup>am</sup> S Johannis Baptistæ. Ad quem diem Vicecomes videlicet Johannes Hevenyngham retornavit breve indorfatum sic, Jacobus Andrewe infranominatus non fuit inventus in balliva mea post receptionem istius brevis. Et ulterius vobis significo, quod de terris Hominum & Ballivorum villæ magnæ Jernemuth infranominatæ cepi bona & catalla ad valenciam viginti librarum infracontentarum, quæ penes me remanent invendita pro defectu emptorum. Et quam cito dicta bona & catalla vendi contigerint, de denariis inde provenientibus Domino Regi respondebo, prout istud breve requirit. Postea videlicet secundo die Octobris hoc termino prædictus Jacobus inventus hic in Curia in propria persona sua, pro contemptu prædicto committitur prisonæ de Flete, ibidem moraturus quousque &c. Et incontinenti eodem die idem Jacobus fecit fi-

nem cum Rege pro contemptu prædicto; sicut continetur alibi in hiis Memorandis inter Fines de hoc termino; Cujus finis prætextu idem Jacobus deliberatur a prisona secundo die Octobris supradicto. Et pro debito prædicto Homines villæ prædictæ exhibuerunt Curia quandam talliam sub nominibus eorum, levatam nono die Julii dicto anno secundo, dictas *xxl* continentem. Ideo pro contemptu sive debito prædictis non fit hic ulterius executio. Mich. Communia 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 1. a.

(*y*) Lincoln[scira]. De Johanne of the Boterye & sociis suis Constabulariis villæ de Grantham, & Johanne de Haryngton & aliis Hominibus Villatæ de Grantham, exonerandis de lxi s viii d de precio bonorum & catallorum quæ fuerunt Willelmi filii Thomæ Parker de Tumby &c.

Memorandum quod cum exigantur per summonitionem hujus Scaccarii de Johanne of the Boterye & Sociis suis Constabulariis villæ de Grantham, & villata de Grantham, de manuopere, videlicet de quatuor equis una sella & fræno captis cum Willelmo filio Thomæ Parker de Tumby, & per ipsum Willelmum deductis, lxi s viii d, sicut continetur in Rotulo de amerciamentis exitibus finibus & catallis forisfactis coram Willelmo Thirnyng & Roberto Tirwhyte, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad assisas in Comitatu Lincolnia capiendo necnon ad Gaolam Castris Regis Lincolnia deliberandam assignatis, apud Lincoln[iam] die Jovis proximo post festum sanctæ Lucie Virginis, anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum secundo, prædicti Johannes of the Boterye & Socii sui prædicti, ac Johannes de Haryngton & alii Homines Villatæ de Grantham, venerunt hic coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii xxiii<sup>o</sup> die Novembris hoc termino per Ricardum Denton attornatum suum, Et detulerunt hic breve Domini Regis nunc de Magno Sigillo suo Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotu-



CHAP. XX. In the famous City of *London* there were several very Ancient Fellowships S E C T.  
X. or Gilds. The most Ancient were these Two, *Telarii* the *Teliers* or *Weavers*, XX.  
and

introtulatur inter brevia directa Baronibus de hoc termino, rotulo videlicet xv<sup>o</sup>, in hæc verba: Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte Johannis of the Botery & Sociorum suorum Constabulariorum Villæ de Grantham, ac Johannis de Haryngton & aliorum Hominum Villatæ de Grantham, nobis est graviter conquerendo monstratum, quod cum per Inquisitionem coram Johanne Toupe nuper Escaetore nostro in Comitatu Lincolnæ ex officio suo captam, & in Scaccarium prædictum super compotum ipsius nuper Escaetoris liberatam, inter cætera sit compertum, quod quidam Willelmus Cosour captus fuit apud Grantham cum quatuor equis per ipsum furtive furatis, & cum una sella duobus frænis gladio & parma, ad quatuor marcas octo solidos & quatuor denarios appreciatis, quæ quidem bona & catalla ad manus prædicti Johannis de Haryngton devenerunt, & licet idem Johannes de Haryngton de prædictis quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis de precio bonorum & catallorum prædictorum nobis ad idem Scaccarium satisfecerit, Vos tamen, pro eo quod prædictus Willelmus Cosour per nomen Willelmi filii Thomæ Parker de Tumby coram dilecto & fideli nostro Willelmo Thirnyng & Sociis suis Justiciariis nostris ad Gaolam nostram Castri Lincolnæ deliberandam assignatis, de manuopere bonorum & catallorum prædictorum, per nomen quatuor equorum unius sellæ & fræni quæ ad quatuor marcas octo solidos & quatuor denarios appreciata fuerunt, & ad manus prædictorum Constabulariorum & Hominum Villatæ prædictæ devenerunt, sicut per extractas per præfatos Justiciarios in Scaccarium prædictum liberatas plene liquet, retatus & inde secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ convictus fuit, præfatos Constabularios & Homines Villatæ prædictæ ad respondendum nobis iterato de prædictis quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis, de precio bonorum & catallorum de manuopere, cum prædictus Willelmus Cosour & prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby fuerint una & eadem persona & non diversæ personæ, prædictaque bona & catalla de manuopere ac prædicta bona & catalla in dicta Inquisitione coram præfato nuper Escaetore capta ut prædictum est specificata, unde per prædictum Johannem de Haryngton nobis est satisfactum sicut prædictum est, sint una & eadem bona & catalla & non diversa, per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti graviter distringitis, & eos multipliciter inquietatis minus juste; Unde nobis supplicarunt sibi per nos de remedio provideri: Nos supplicationi prædictæ annuentes, nolentesque eisdem Constabulariis & Hominibus Villatæ prædictæ taliter injuriari, Vobis mandamus quod si per Inquisitio-

nem vel alio modo legitime vobis constare poterit, ipsum Willelmum Cosour & prædictum Willelmum filium Thomæ Parker de Tumby fuisse unam & eandem personam & non diversas, ac prædicta bona & catalla in Inquisitione prædicta specificata, prædictaque bona & catalla de manuopere, super quo prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby ut prædictum est retatus & inde convictus fuit, esse una & eadem bona & catalla & non diversa, & nobis de quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis de precio eorundem per præfatum Johannem de Haryngton ut prædictum est fore satisfactum, tunc demandæ quam eisdem Constabulariis & Hominibus Villatæ prædictæ, de respondendo nobis de prædictis quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis de precio dictorum bonorum & catallorum de manuopere, super quo prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby retatus & inde convictus fuit, per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti fieri facitis, supersederi, & tam ipsos quam Escaetores Vicecomites & alios quoscumque inde ad idem Scaccarium exonerari & prout justum fuerit quietos esse faciatis. T meipso apud Westm. sexto die Novembris anno regni nostri quarto. Quo brevi per Barones viso & intellecto, prædictus Johannes of the Botery & Socii sui prædicti, prædictus Johannes de Haryngton & alii Homines Villatæ prædictæ, per dictum Attornatum suum dicunt, quod prædictus Willelmus Cosour & prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby fuerunt una & eadem persona & non diversæ personæ, & quod prædicta bona & catalla in Inquisitione prædicta specificata, & prædicta bona & catalla de manuopere, super quo prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby retatus & inde convictus fuit, fuerunt eadem bona & catalla & non diversa; Et quod satisfactum est Regi per prædictum Johannem de Haryngton de quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis de precio eorundem bonorum. Et hæc omnia prætendunt verificare qualitercumque Curia &c. Per quod petunt omnino supersederi dictæ demandæ dictorum lxi s viii d. Et scrutatis Rotulis ut sciatur si responsum sit Regi per prædictum Johannem de Haryngton de prædictis quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis modo quo superius allegatum existit necne, Et unde compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno primo Regis nunc in adhuc Item Lincoln. quod Johannes de Haryngton quietus est de lxi s viii d de precio quatuor equorum cum una sella duobus frænis gladio & parma cum quibus Willelmus Cosour captus fuit apud Grantham, & per ipsum Willelmum felonice furatis, sicut continetur in Compoto Johannis Toupe Escaetoris Regis in Comitatu Lincolnæ a xxvi<sup>o</sup> die Novembris anno primo usque xxiii<sup>o</sup> diem Novembris proximo sequentem, Rotulo compotorum de



CHAP. and *Bolengarii* the *Boulengiers* or *Bakers*. I shall have occasion to produce in S E C T.  
 X. this Chapter a few cases relating to the *London-Weavers*. Therefore I will here XX.  
 make

escaetria. Quibus compertis, dictum est pro Rege quod prædictus Willelmus Corfour & prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby non fuerunt una & eadem persona set diversæ personæ, & quod prædicta bona & catalla in dicta Inquisitione specificata de quibus satisfactum est Regi per prædictum Johannem de Haryngton ut prædictum est, non fuerunt eadem bona & catalla de manuopere, super quo prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby retatus & inde convictus fuit set diversa. Et hoc petitur pro Domino Rege quod inquiretur per patriam. Et prædicti Johannes del Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, ac alii Homines Villæ prædictæ per dictum Attornatum suum dicunt ut prius dixerant, & petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Lincolnæ quod venire faciat hic a die sancti Hillarii xviii &c de Villa de Grantham & visneto ejusdem, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, Et qui nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Johanni del Botery & Sociis suis Constabulariis Villæ prædictæ, ac aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut alias &c, Ita &c a die Paschæ in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Johanni del Botery & Sociis suis Constabulariis Villæ prædictæ, ac aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes del Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, ac alii Homines Villæ prædictæ, venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et Vicecomes retornavit breve cum panello de nominibus Juratorum. Et ipsi non venerunt. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringat ipsos Juratores per terras &c, Ita &c a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Johanni del Botery & Sociis suis Constabulariis Villæ prædictæ, ac aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes del Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ prædictæ, ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum; & Vicecomes retornavit breve, & mandavit quod prædicti Juratores districti sunt, Et exitus &c. Et ipsi non venerunt. Et concordatum est quod Willelmus Thirnyng Chivaler Capitalis Justiciarius Domini Regis de communi Banco assignetur per Commissionem hujus Scaccarii, ad inquirendum super præmissis. Et fit ei hujusmodi Commissio, mandatumque est ei quod inquireat &c, Ita quod Inquisitionem inde habeat hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti dicti Comitatus Lincolnæ sicut alias, quod distringat præfatos Juratores per terras &c, Ita &c ad prædictam xv<sup>am</sup> sancti Michaelis hic, vel interim coram præfato Willelmo Thirnyng in

patria si prius &c, ad certos diem & locum quos &c. Et dictum est præfatis Johanni del Botery & Sociis suis Constabulariis Villæ de Grantham, ac aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, quod expectent diem suum coram præfato Justiciario in patria si &c, ad certos diem & locum quos &c; Et quod sint hic ad prædictam xv sancti Michaelis, ad audiendum judicium suum &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes del Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ prædictæ, ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et prædictus Willelmus Thirnyng retornavit tenorem Recordi & processus prædictorum indorsatum sic. Postea scilicet die Lunæ proximo post festum sancti Petri ad vincula, anno regni Regis Henrici quarti quarto, coram Willelmo Thirnyng Capitali Justiciario &c infranominato, associato sibi Willelmo Malore per formam statuti &c, apud Corby in Comitatu Lincolnæ venerunt Johannes of the Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ de Grantham infranominati, & Johannes de Haryngton & alii Homines Villatæ de Grantham infranominati per Attornatum suum infranominatum. Et Juratores exacti similiter venerunt. Et super hoc facta publica proclamatione prout moris est, si quis pro Domino Rege prosequi calumpniare aut informare sciret vellet dictos Juratores super infracontentis, quod tunc veniret ibidem ad eosdem Juratores pro Domino Rege inde plenius informandum. Et nullus venit ad hoc faciendum. Super quo processum est ad captionem Inquisitionis prædictæ per Juratores prius impanellatos & modo comparentes. Qui quidem Juratores ad veritatem super infracontentis dicendam electi triati & jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Willelmus Cosour infranominatus & Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby infranominatus, fuerunt una & eadem persona & non diversæ personæ, & quod bona & catalla in Inquisitione unde infra fit mencio specificata, & bona & catalla de manuopere super quo prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker de Tumby retatus & inde convictus fuit fuerunt eadem bona & catalla & non diversa; Et quod satisfactum est Domino Regi per prædictum Johannem de Haryngton de quatuor marcis octo solidis & quatuor denariis de precio eorundem bonorum, in forma qua prædicti Johannes of the Botery & Socii sui Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, & prædicti Johannes de Haryngton & alii Homines Villatæ de Grantham, infra placitando allegarunt. Et prædicti Johannes del Botery & Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, petunt judicium in præmissis. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Johanni del Botery & Constabulariis Villæ de Grantham, ac aliis Hominibus ejusdem Villæ, in statu quo nunc usque a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod



CHAP. make a short Digression concerning Them, that I may be the better understood. S E C T.

X. As to the *London-Bakers* I need not speak here of Them. For though Their Gild XX.

was put in Charge for their yearly Ferme, in the *Great-Rolls* of K *Henry II*, together with the Gild of *London-Weavers*, for several conjunct years, it was afterwards, to wit about the Twentysifth year of That King, found proper to put their Gild out of Charge in the *Great-Rolls*. In the reign of K *Henry I*, the *London-Weavers* rendred to the Crown a Rent or Ferme for their Gild. *Robert* son of *Leuestan* paid it at the Exchequer on their behalf (z). In the reign of K *Henry II*, they rendred to the Crown the yearly Ferme of Two marks of Gold or Twelve pounds in Silver for their Gild, for many years together; to wit, in the Second year (a), in the Fifth Sixth and Eleventh year (b), in the Tenth year of That King (c), in the Twelfth (d), Fourteenth (e), Eighteenth (f), Twenty-third and Twentyfourth year of the same King (g), and from That time to the End of his Reign (h). They paid the said Ferme in the reign of K *Richard I*,  
to

quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes del Botery & Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius in statu quo nunc usque a diè Paschæ in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Johannes del Botery & Constabularii Villæ de Grantham, ac alii Homines ejusdem Villæ, venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et petunt judicium ut prius. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eosdem, quia per actionem triatam compertum est, quod prædictus Willelmus Cosour & prædictus Willelmus filius Thomæ Parker fuerunt una & eadem persona, & quod prædicta bona & catalla de manuopere prædicto, & dicta bona & catalla in dicto compoto dicti nuper Escaetoris specificata, fuerunt una & eadem bona, Consideratum est, quod prædicti Johannes del Botery & Constabularii & alii Homines villæ prædictæ exonerentur & quieti fiant erga Regem de lvis viii d, de parte dictæ summæ lxi s viii d ab eis de manuopere prædicto ut prædictum est exactis, prætextu præmissorum, Et quoad vs residuos dictæ summæ lxi s viii d de manuopere prædicto, quia in dicto compoto dicti nuper Escaetoris fit mencio de quatuor equis una sella duobus frænis gladio & parma, & in dicto Rotulo de exitibus finibus & catallis forisfactis coram dictis Willelmo Thirnyng & Roberto Tirwhyte Justiciariis, non fit mencio præter tantomodo de quatuor equis una sella & fræno, Consideratum est quod de illis vs residuis dictæ summæ lxi s viii d, dicti Johannes del Botery & Constabularii & alii Homines dictæ Villæ de Grantham erga Regem remaneant onerati, pro precio unius fræni unius gladii & parmæ prædictorum, de bonis & catallis quæ fuerunt prædicti Willelmi filii Thomæ Parker. *Mich. Communia* 4 Hen. 4. Rot. 37.

(z) Robertus filius Leuestani reddit compotum de xvii l de Gilda Telariorum Londoniæ. In thesauro liberavit, Et Quietus est. *Ex Magno Rot. anni incerti Hen. 1. Regis (vulgo dicto 5 Steph.) Rot. 15. a.*

(a) Telarii Lundoniæ debent ii marcas auri pro Gilda sua. Bolengarii Lundoniæ debent i marcam auri pro gilda sua. *Mag. Rot.*

2 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.

(b) *Hist. Excheq. p 231. col. 2.*

(c) Telarii Londoniæ reddunt compotum de ix l pro i marca & dimidia auri pro Gilda sua de tribus partibus anni, In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. Bolengarii Lundoniæ reddunt compotum de iiii l & xs pro Gilda sua de tribus partibus anni, In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 10 Hen. 2. Rot. 2. b.*

(d) Telarii Lundoniæ reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua, In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. Bolengarii Lundoniæ reddunt compotum de vi l pro Gilda sua, In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 12 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b.*

(e) Telarii de Lundonia reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro viii l, Et debent iiii l. Bolengarii de Lundonia reddunt compotum de vi l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 1. a.*

(f) Telarii de Lundonia reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. Bulengarii de Lundonia reddunt compotum de vi l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 18 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b.*

(g) Telarii de Londonia reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. Bulengarii de Londonia reddunt compotum de vi l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 23 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. b. Hist. Exch. p 231. col. 2.*

(h) Telarii Londoniæ reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua; In thesauro liberaverunt. Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 25 Hen. 2. Rot. 10. b.*

Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. *Mag. Rot. 26 Hen. 2. Rot. 11. b.*

Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. *Mag. Rot. 32 Hen. 2. Rot. 4. a.*

Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. *Mag. Rot. 33 Hen. 2. Rot. 3. b. And anno 34, Hist. Exch. p 232, col. 1.*



CHAP. to wit in the First Second and Third year (i), and in the following years of That S E C T.

X. King (k). K John in the Fourth year of his reign raised their Ferme to Twenty marks of silver (l). After the manner shewn forth in this section, the London-weavers continued, during the reigns of several Kings, Charged to the Crown with the said yearly Ferme of xx marks (m). During That long space of time their Fortune was Variable. Living in London they lived with a Neighbour more potent than themselves. They had many struggles with the Citizens about liberty and property. Infomuch that in the Fourth year of K John the Citizens of London profered to That King a Fine of Lx marks, that the Gild of London-weavers might be extinguished, and never revived (n). This was the year in which the King raised the Ferme of the Weavers from xii l to xx marks. And in the Sixth year of K Henry III, the Weavers of London, fearing lest the Mayor and Citizens of London should extort from them their Charter of Liberties granted to them by K Henry II. delivered That Charter [into the Exchequer], to be kept in the Treasury there, and to be delivered to them again when they should want it, and afterwards to be laid-up in the Treasury (o). And as the Citifens bore hard upon the London-weavers, so at other times the London-weavers strove to oppress the Foreign-Weavers who came and settled in England in the reign of K Edward III and afterwards. There were many contests from time to time between the said Telarii Londoniæ and the Foreign Linnen-weavers of London. Some of those contests have occurred to me, at least footsteps of them. In the eighteenth year of K Henry VI, suits were moved in the Court of Exchequer between the King and the Linnenweavers. Probably Then the Telarii Londoniæ made use of the Kings name and prerogative to batter and subdue the Linnenweavers, as they did in the reign of K Henry IV in the case of William Cokenage (p). It appeareth by an action then brought by Nicholas Yeo and Hugh Dyke Sherifs of London against John Grove Linnenweaver, that there was at that time a combination or agreement made amongst the Linnenweavers of London, to bear by mutual contribution the charges of certain Suits, which were then pending or likely to be brought in the Exchequer in the Kings Name, which affected the Body or Company of Linnenweavers of London (q). And in the same Eighteenth year of K Henry VI, there

(i) Hist. Exch. p 232, col. 1.

(k) Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. Mag. Rot. 4 Ric. 1. Rot. 11. b.

Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. Mag. Rot. 7 Ric. 1. Rot. 9. a.

Telarii de Londonia r c de xii l pro Gilda sua; In th l, Et Q f. Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 12. a.

(l) Telarii Londoniæ reddunt compotum de xii l pro Gilda sua. In thesauro liberaverunt. Et Quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. 3 Job. Rot. 19. a. m. 1. tit. Londonia & Middelfexa.

Telarii Londoniæ reddunt compotum de xx marcis pro Gilda sua, qui solebant reddere xii l. In thesauro liberaverunt, Et Quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. 4 Job. Rot. 20. in dorso, m. 1.

Telarii Londoniæ r c de xx marcis pro Gilda sua, qui solebant reddere xii l. In th l, Et Q f. Mag. Rot. 5 Job. Rot. 1. in dorso, tit. Londonia & Middelfexa.

(m) Telarii Londoniæ r c de xx marcis pro gilda sua, sicut continetur in Rotulo xv & in Rotulo iiii Regis J, pro qua reddere solebant xii l sicut continetur ibidem. In th l, Et q sunt. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.

Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas de fir-

ma gildæ suæ, pro qua reddere solebant xii l Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. The like Charge in the Great Rolls of the following Kings.

(n) Hist. Exch. p 279, col. 1. m.

(o) Vigilia S Andreæ anno Regis vi<sup>o</sup> Telarii Londoniæ, timentes quod Major & Cives Londoniæ extorquerent ab eis Cartam suam de Libertatibus suis quam habent de Rege Henrico secundo, tradiderunt Cartam illam custodiendam in Thesauro, & eis exhibendam quociens opus fuerit, & iterum in Thesauro reponendam. Memor. 6 H 3. Rot. 13. b.

(p) Firma Burgi, cap. 10. sect. 21.

(q) London[ia]. Pro Johanne Dyke & aliis querentibus versus Johannem Grove defendentem, in quodam placito debiti per breve.

Præceptum fuit Coronatori London[ia] per breve hujus Scaccarii, pro eo quod Johannes Grove Civis & Linnenwever London[ia] nichil habuit &c, prout idem Coronator hic retornavit, quod ipsum caperet ubicumque &c, Ita quod haberet corpus ejus hic modo in Octabis Sancti Michaelis hoc Termino, ad respondendum Nicholao Yeo & Hugoni Dyke nuper Vicecomitibus Civitatis Londoniæ, in placito debiti &c.

Et modo ad Octabas prædictas venerunt hic prædicti Nicholaus Yeo & Hugo Dyke per Thomam Thorp eorum Attornatum. Et prædictus Coronator videlicet Thomas Beau-

fitz



CHAP. there was also a Suit or Suits depending in the Exchequer, between *Nicholas Yeo* and *S E C T.*  
 X. *Hugh Dyke* Sheriffs of *London* plaintiffs, and *Henry Mace* and others defendants, XX.  
 upon several *Præcipes* for Debt. Upon which Suits a Writ of *Scire facias* was  
 brought *pro Rege* against *William Coknuge* Linnenweaver and three others here-  
 under named, who had been bound as Manucaptors for the said *Henry Mace*  
 and

fitz retornavit hic breve prædictum, & quod ipse de capiendo seu in aliquo molestando prædictum Johannem virtute brevis prædicti de Capias supersedit, virtute alterius brevis dicti Domini Regis ei directi, & eidem brevi de Capias confuti, attamen prædictus Johannes venit hic in propria persona sua. Et unde prædicti Nicholas & Hugo queruntur versus præfatum Johannem, de eo quod prædictus Johannes eis injuste detinet decem libras argenti quas eis debet, & pro eo injuste, quod prædictus Johannes quarto die Maii anno regni Domini Regis nunc decimo septimo per quoddam scriptum suum obligatorium Curiae hic ostensum, factum apud London[iam] in parochia Sancti Bartholomæi parva in Warda de Bradstrete, obligavit se præfatis Nicholao & Hugoni in decem libris prædictis, solvendis eisdem Nicholao & Hugoni, aut eorum alteri, vel eorum certo Attornato, hæredibus seu Executoribus suis, in vigilia Pentecostes extunc proximo futura; Ad quam vigiliam prædictus Johannes non solvit præfatis Nicholao & Hugoni decem libras prædictas, nec aliquem denarium inde. Et licet prædicti Nicholas & Hugo sæpius postea venerint ad præfatum Johannem, & de ipso pecierint solutionem decem librarum prædictarum, prædictus tamen Johannes decem libras prædictas præfatis Nicholao & Hugoniolvere noluit, nec adhuc vult, set hoc facere contradixit, & adhuc contradicit, quominus prædicti Nicholas & Hugo dicto Domino Regi satisfacere valeant de debitis & compotis in quibus eidem Domino Regi tenentur ad hoc Scaccarium. Et unde prædicti Nicholas & Hugo deteriorantur, & dampnum habent ad valentiam decem marcarum. Et inde producunt sectam &c.

Et prædictus Johannes per Willelmum Essex Attornatum suum præfens &c petit auditum brevis prædicti; & ei legitur &c; petit etiam auditum scripti prædicti; & ei similiter legitur &c; quibus auditis, dicit quod ipse de debito prædicto virtute scripti prædicti onerari non debet, quia dicit quod ipse tempore confectionis scripti illius, & ante & postea, & adhuc, est laicus homo & non litteratus, & dicit quod scriptum prædictum sibi lectum fuit sub conditione subsequenti, videlicet quod si idem Johannes se nec bona seu catalla sua absentaverit nec detulerit a Civitate Londoniæ, set quod ipse semper paratus esset pro parte sua ad portandum omnia onera in quodam placito inter Dominum Regem & textores panni linei, in Curia Domini Regis coram Baronibus de Scaccario ipsius Regis apud Westm[onasterium] tempore confectionis scripti illius pendente. Et sic scriptum illud simpliciter & sine conditione scriptum non est factum suum. Et hoc paratus est verificare &c.

Et prædicti Nicholas & Hugo dicunt quod scriptum prædictum est factum prædicti Johannis Grove, modo & forma quibus ipsi narrationem suam prædictam superius supponunt. Et hoc parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c. Et prædictus Johannes Grove dicit ut prius &c. Et hoc paratus est verificare similiter. Ideo fiat inde Jurata. — *Here are divers Continuances.* Postea die & loco infracontentis, coram Rogero Hunt uno Baronum de Scaccario Domini Regis, associato sibi Johanne Dereham per formam Statuti &c, venerunt tam Nicholas Yeo & Hugo Dyke infra scripti in propriis personis suis, quam Johannes Grove infra scriptus in propria persona sua. Et Jur[atores] jurat[æ] infra scriptæ impanellati & exacti venerunt; qui ad veritatem de infracontentis dicendam electi triati & jur[ati], dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod scriptum obligatorium unde infra fit mentio est factum prædicti Johannis Grove, prout iidem Nicholas & Hugo infra placitando allegarunt. Et assident dampna ipsorum Nicholai & Hugonis occasione injustæ detentionis debiti infra specificati, ultra misas & custagia sua per ipsos circa sectam suam in hac parte apposita, ad tres solidos & quatuor denarios; Et pro misis & expensis suis prædictis ad tresdecim solidos & quatuor denarios. Ideo &c. Et super hoc prædicti Nicholas & Hugo petunt judicium suum in præmissis, & debitum suum prædictum unacum dampnis suis prædictis superius [per Juratores] prædictos assessis sibi adjudicari &c. Et super hoc viso & perlecto placito isto inter Barones prædictos, habitaque inde deliberatione pleniori, Quia compertum est per Inquisitionem prædictam quod prædictum scriptum obligatorium est factum prædicti Johannis Grove, prout prædicti Nicholas & Hugo superius placitando allegarunt, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædicti Nicholas & Hugo recuperent versus præfatum Johannem Grove debitum suum prædictum decem librarum prædictarum, & dampna sua prædicta occasione injustæ detentionis ejusdem debiti, taxata per Juratores prædictos ad tres solidos & quatuor denarios, ultra misas & custagia sua per ipsos circa sectam suam in hac parte apposita, ad tresdecim solidos & quatuor denarios, & quadraginta solidos ultra de incremento promissis & custagiis suis prædictis per Barones prædictos similiter taxatos, & quod prædictus Johannes Grove, pro eo quod ipse dedixit scriptum suum prædictum, capiatur ad faciendum finem cum dicto Domino Rege &c. Et super hoc præceptum est Vicecomitibus London[iæ], quod non omittant &c. quin &c, & capiant prædictum Johannem Grove ubicumque &c, Ita &c in Octabis Sancti Hillarii, ad faciendum finem cum dicto Domino

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Rege



CH A P. and others (r). In fine, the *London-weavers*, by means of the great franchises S E C T.  
 X. granted to them by the ancient Kings of *England*, and by help from the Kings XX.  
 Prero-

Rege in præmissis hic &c. *Placita coram Baronibus* 18 Hen. 6. Rot. 8. a.

(r) London[ia]. Pro Rege versus Willelmum Coknage & alios, in placito debiti unde breve de Scire facias.

Præceptum fuit Coronatori London[ia] per breve hujus Scaccarii, inter alia, quod caperet Henricum Mace Peyntour Civem Civitatis London[ia], Johannem Grove Civem & Lynnenwever London[ia], Johannem Rykyll Lynnenwever Civem London[ia], & Thomam Robenet Allutarium Civem London[ia], ubicumque &c. Ita quod haberet corpora eorum hic modo in Octabis Sancti Michaelis hoc Termino, ad respondendum separatim, quilibet videlicet eorum per se, Nicholao Yeo & Hugoni Dyke Vicecomitibus Civitatis London[ia], in diversis placitis debiti super diversis demandis per diversa præcipees, prout in brevi prædicto quod est in ligula brevium de hoc Termino plenius continetur &c.

Et modo ad Octabas prædictas venerunt hic prædicti Nicholaus & Hugo in propriis personis suis. Et prædictus Coronator London[ia], videlicet Thomas Beauftitz, retornavit hic breve prædictum, & quod ipse inter alia de capiendo seu in aliquo molestando prædictos Henricum Mace Johannem Grove Johannem Rykyll & Thomam Robenet virtute brevis prædicti, prætextu alterius brevis Domini Regis sibi directi & dicto brevi confuti superfedit. Cujus quidem alterius brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Coronatori Londoniæ salutem. Licet nuper per breve nostrum tibi præceperimus quod caperes Henricum Mace Peyntour Civem Civitatis Londoniæ, Johannem Grove Civem & Lynnenwever Londoniæ, Johannem Rykyll Lynnenwever Civem Londoniæ, & Thomam Robenet Alutarium Civem Londoniæ, ubicumque inventi forent in balliva tua, ita quod haberes corpora eorum coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro apud Westmonasterium in octabis Sancti Michaelis, videlicet Henricum ad respondendum Nicholao Yeo & Hugoni Dyke Vicecomitibus Londoniæ de quadraginta solidis, & prædictum Johannem Grove ad respondendum præfatis Vicecomitibus de decem libris, & prædictum Johannem Rykyll ad respondendum præfatis Vicecomitibus de quadraginta solidis, & prædictum Thomam ad respondendum præfatis Vicecomitibus de quadraginta solidis, quos ei debent & injuste detinent, quominus prædicti Vicecomites nobis satisfacere valeant de debitis & compotis in quibus nobis tenentur ad dictum Scaccarium nostrum ut dicitur; Quia tamen Willelmus Coknage de parochia Sancti Olavi juxta Turrim Londoniæ Lynnenwever, Robertus Broune de parochia Sancti Laurencii in Pountney Londonia Hosteler, Hugo Wy-

gode de parochia Sancti Dunstani in Flete-strete Londonia Lynnenwever, & Walterus Morgan de parochia Sanctæ Margaretæ Patence Londonia Lynnenwever, coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra personaliter constituti, manuceperunt habere prædictos Henricum Johannem Johannem & Thomam coram præfatis Baronibus ad octabas prædictas, ad respondendum præfatis Vicecomitibus de præmissis, & ad standum juri in hac parte, videlicet quilibet manucaptorum prædictorum sub pœna viginti librarum, quas concesserunt & quilibet eorum per se concessit de terris & catallis suis ad opus nostrum levare, in casu quo ipsi præfatos Henricum Johannem Johannem & Thomam coram dictis Baronibus ad Octabas prædictas in forma prædicta non habuerunt, tibi præcipimus quod captioni corporum prædictorum Henrici Johannis Johannis & Thomæ occasione prædicta interim supersedeas, & si ipsos Henricum Johannem Johannem & Thomam seu eorum aliquem ea occasione ceperis, tunc ipsos vel ipsum eorum a prisona qua sic detinentur vel detinetur, si ea occasione & non alia detineantur vel detineatur in eadem, sine dilatione deliberari facias per manucaptionem supradictam. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium], xxvii<sup>o</sup> die Julii anno regni nostri decimo septimo. Et super hoc prædicti Willelmus Robertus Hugo Wygode & Walterus ad Octabas prædictas, & postea videlicet vicesimo primo die Octobris hoc Termino, ad producendum inter alia prædictum Henricum Mace hic coram præfatis Baronibus prout manuceperunt &c, solempniter exacti &c, non habuerunt prædictum Henricum Mace coram præfatis Baronibus hic &c; Ac idem Henricus licet solempniter exactus &c non venit, set fecerit defaultam; Super quo concordatum est inter Barones prædictos quod prædicti Willelmus Robertus Hugo & Walterus præmuniantur &c, ad ostendendum & proponendum, si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant seu aliquis eorum habeat vel dicere sciat, quare quaterviginti libræ de terris & catallis suis, videlicet viginti libræ de terris & catallis cujuslibet eorum, occasione præmissa ad opus Domini Regis levare non debeant &c. Et præceptum est Vicecomitibus Londoniæ, quod per probos & legales homines de balliva sua scire faciant præfatis Willelmo Roberto Hugoni & Waltero, quod sint coram præfatis Baronibus hujus Scaccarii hic &c ——. *Here are several Continuances.* Ad quem diem prædicti Willelmus Coknage Robertus Broune Hugo & Walterus in propriis personis suis venerunt hic; & dicunt & quilibet eorum dicit, quod ipsi vel eorum aliquis de quaterviginti libris prædictis aut de aliqua inde parcella dicto Domino Regi respondere aut satisfacere non debent nec debet, quia dicunt & eorum quilibet dicit, quod prædictus Henricus Mace ad Octabas Sancti Michaelis prædictas, & continue postea usque prædictum



CH A P. Prerogative, endeavoured to make the *Foreign Weavers* contribute towards the S E C T.  
X. Ferme of their Gild and other Common Payments (s). But to omitt these things XX.  
 at present, I proceed to speak concerning their yearly Ferme of Twenty marks. It  
 hapned once that they were behind-hand in payment of That Ferme for very ma-  
 ny years together, as I find by tracing that matter in the Revenue-rolls from Reign  
 to Reign. It appeareth by those Rolls, that in the Eighth year of K *Edward IV*,  
 the arreres of their Ferme amounted to Four hundred marks (t); in the Ninth  
 year

etum vicesimum primum diem Octobris, & eodem vicesimo primo die Octobris, apud Londoniam in parochia Sanctæ Margaretæ Patens Londonia in Warda de Tourstrete, fuit ita languidus & ibidem talibus & tantis infirmitatibus detentus, quod iidem Willelmus Robertus Hugo & Walterus seu eorum aliquis ipsum Henricum Mace, ob metum mortis ejusdem Henrici, ad Octabas prædictas vel unquam postea usque prædictum vicesimum primum diem Octobris, aut eodem vicesimo primo die Octobris, coram præfatis Baronibus apud Westmonasterium, salva vita ejusdem Henrici, habuisse non potuerunt nec potuit. Et hoc parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c; unde non intendunt quod ipsi de quaterviginti libris prædictis, videlicet quilibet eorum per se de viginti libris prædictis, seu de aliqua inde parcella, dicto Domino Regi respondere, aut quod ipsi vel eorum aliquis de eisdem quaterviginti libris seu de aliqua parcella inde eidem Domino Regi satisfacere debeant aut aliquis eorum satisfacere debeat &c. Et super hoc Johannes Vaumpage qui pro dicto Domino Rege sequitur dicit, quod ipse ad præsens non est avisatus ad replicandum pro eodem Domino Rege placito prædicto dictorum Willelmi Coknage Roberti Broune Hugonis & Walteri superius placitato. Ideo datus est dies præfatis Willelmo Coknage Roberto Hugoni & Waltero in præmissis, usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii de præmissis hic &c. — *There are many Continuances in these Terms* (quia prædictus Johannes Vaumpage dicit quod ipse nondum avisatur) *to the Twenty fifth year of the King.* Ad quem diem prædicti Willelmus Cokenage Robertus Hugo & Walterus venerunt hic per prædictum eorum Attornatum. Et prædictus Robertus per se, pro exoneratione sua de viginti libris ab eo ut prædictum est exactis erga dictum Dominum Regem habenda, dicit quod dictus Dominus Rex post ultimam continuationem in præmissis habitam — *here he pleads the Kings pardon.* In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] decimo die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto. Et super hoc idem Robertus detulit hic quoddam breve Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo suo clausum, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum nos decimo die Novembris ultimo præterito de gratia nostra speciali, & ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris, perdonaverimus remiserimus & relaxaverimus Roberto Broune de parochia Sancti Lau-

rentii in Pounteney Londonia Hosteler, seu quocumque alio nomine censeretur, omnimodos fines adjudicatos, amerciamenta exitus forisfactos, relevia scutagia, ac omnimoda debita compota præstita, arreragia firmarum & compotorum, nobis ante primum diem Septembris anno regni nostri vicesimo qualitercumque debita & pertinentia, necnon omnimodas actiones & demandas, quas nos solus vel nos conjunctim cum aliis personis vel alia persona, habemus seu habere poterimus versus ipsum Robertum, pro aliquibus hujusmodi finibus amerciamentis exitibus, releviis scutagiis debitis compotis præstitis & arreragiis, ante eundem primum diem Septembris nobis debitis, ac etiam utlagarias in ipsum Robertum promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum, omnimodis debitis & compotis nobis debitis & pertinentibus quæ vigore Literarum nostrarum patentium, seu brevium nostrorum de Magno vel privato Sigillo, aut per estallamenta sive assignationes respectuata existunt, omnino exceptis. Ita quod præsens perdonatio nostra, quoad præmissa seu aliquod præmissorum, non cedat in dampnum præjudicium vel derogationem alicujus alterius personæ quam personæ nostræ duntaxat, prout in Literis nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus, quod ipsum Robertum contra tenorem Literarum nostrarum prædictarum non molestetis in aliquo seu gravetis. Teste meipso apud Westm. xvi<sup>o</sup> die Novembris anno regni nostri xxv<sup>o</sup>. Unde non intendit quod ipse de viginti libris prædictis ab eo ad opus dicti Domini Regis exactis, erga dictum Dominum Regem onerari debeat, seu quod idem Dominus Rex ipsum Robertum pro eisdem xxl seu pro aliqua inde parcella, contra tenorem Literarum patentium prædictarum, impetere seu occasionare velit &c; & petit judicium, & quod ipse prætextu præmissorum ab hac Curia dimittatur &c. Et quia Curia prædicta vult inde avisari antequam &c, Ideo datus est dies præfato Roberto Broune usque a die Paschæ in xv dies, ad audiendum judicium suum inde hic &c. Et ulterius quia prædictus Johannes Vaumpage dicit, quod ipse nondum avisatur ad replicandum pro prædicto Domino Rege placito prædicto per prædictos Willelmum Coknage Hugonem & Walterum superius placitato, Ideo datus est dies eisdem Willelmo Coknage Hugoni & Waltero inde, usque eandem quindenam Paschæ hic — *There are several Continuances, and no Judgment. Placita coram Baronibus 18 Hen. 6. Rot. 11. a.*

(s) Chap. 10. in the several cases of Cokenage, Devell, and Ashwilder.

(t) Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas per annum



CHAP. year of the same King, to Four hundred and twenty marks (*u*); in the Tenth S E C T.  
 X. year of the same King, to Four hundred and Forty marks (*w*); and in the Six- XX.  
 ~~~~~teenth year of the same King, to Five hundred and Sixty marks (*x*). Which in  
 That age was a very large sum for a Gild to ow. But it appears that in this
 Sixteenth year the *Weavers* got themselves discharged of all the said arreres.
 Untill That Sixteenth year, they stood in Charge in the *Great Roll* of the Ex-
 chequer with the arreres of their Ferme in the manner just-now specified. The
 cause of That might be this, Either the *Weavers* had omitted to pay their Ferme
 to the Abbot of *Graces* to whom the King had granted it, Or else they had omit-
 ted to produce the Abbots Acquittances, and to get themselves discharged in the
Great-Roll of the Exchequer. In the Twentyfourth year of K *Henry VII*, the
Weavers of *London* stand charged to the King, in the usual manner, with the
 Twenty marks *per annum* for their Gild. And they were Then in arrerage to the
 amount of C and fourscore marks. But the arreres were allowed or set-over to
 the Abbot of *Graces* (*y*). By the General Dissolution of Monasteries, the Abbey
 of *Graces* with all the Revenues of it became vested in K *Henry VIII*. In the
 Thirtieighth year of K *Henry VIII* there was a *Gild* in *London* called *The Wea-*
vers with Broad-looms. Certain summs standing in charge upon the said *Weavers*
with Broad-looms, were remitted to them by reason of their Poverty, by Order
 of the Lords of the Kings Privy-Council (*z*). But whether these *Weavers with*
Broad-

annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere sole-
 bant xii l sicut continetur in Rotulo iii^o Re-
 gis J, Et CCC quater xx marcas de annis præ-
 teritis. Summa, CCCC marcæ. *Mag. Rot.*
8 Edw. 4. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m.
1. a.

(*u*) Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas
 per annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere
 solebant xii l sicut continetur in Rotulo iii^o
 Regis J, Et CCCC marcas de annis præteri-
 tis; Summa, CCCCxx marcæ. *Mag. Rot.* 9
Edw. 4. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m.
1. a.

(*w*) Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas
 per annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere
 solebant xii l sicut continetur in Rotulo iii^o
 Regis J, Et CCCCxx marcas de annis præte-
 ritis; Summa, CCCCxl marcæ. *Mag. Rot.*
10 Edw. 4. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m.
1. a.

(*x*) Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas
 per annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere
 solebant xii l, sicut continetur in Rotulo iii^o
 Regis Johannis, Et Dxl marcas de annis præ-
 teritis; Summa, DLx marcæ. Et respon-
 dent in Adhuc Item Londonia. *Mag. Rot.*
16 Edw. 4. tit. London[ia] Midd[elfexia], m.
1. a.

Telarii Londoniæ debent DLx marcas de
 quadam firma xx marcarum per annum pro
 Gilda sua, pro qua reddere solebant xii l, de
 hoc anno & ejus arreragiis, sicut continetur
 in Rotulo principali; In Thesauro nichil; Et
 Abbati & Monachis Liberæ Capellæ Regis
 Beatæ Mariæ de Graciis juxta Turrim Lon-
 doniæ, quibus Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ
 tercius viii^o die Junii anno xxvii^o, concessit
 xx marcas annui redditus quas Telarii Londo-
 niæ pro Firma Gildæ suæ Regi reddunt annu-
 atim ad Scaccarium suum, Habend[as] perci-
 piend[as] & tenend[as] eisdem Abbati & Mo-
 nachis & successoribus suis de Rege & hære-
 dibus suis per manus Telariorum Londoniæ
 qui pro tempore fuerint ibidem, in liberam
 puram & perpetuam elemosinam, in augmen-

tationem sustentationis suæ imperpetuum,
 DLx marcas de annis xxvii^o xxviii^o xxix^o
 xxx^o xxxi^o xxxii^o xxxiii^o xxxiiii^o xxxv^o xxxvi^o
 xxxvii^o & xxxviii^o Henrici sexti, & de annis
 primo ii^o iii^o iiiii^o v^o vi^o vii^o viii^o ix^o x^o xi^o
 xii^o xiii^o xiiii^o xv^o & hoc anno xvi^o Regis hu-
 jus, per breve Regis E tercii quod est inter
 Communia de anno xxxii^o termino S Michael-
 lis ex parte Rememoratoris Regis, & sicut
 allocatum est in Rotulo xxvii^o Henrici vi in
 Residuum Londoniæ & in Rotulo xlvii^o Re-
 gis E tercii & in Rotulo tercio Regis Ricardi
 secundi & in aliis Rotulis sequentibus, & lite-
 ras acquietanciæ Thomæ Bene Abbatis ejus-
 dem Loci de receptione; Et Quieti sunt. *I-*
bid. in Rotulo 16 Edw. 4. tit. Adhuc Item
Londonia, m. 2. a.

(*y*) Telarii Londoniæ debent xx marcas per
 annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere sole-
 bant xii l, sicut continetur in Rotulo iii^o Regis
 J[ohannis]; Et OLx marcas de annis præteri-
 tis. Summa, C quater xx marcæ. Sed non
 debent summoneri de Cxx marcis quæ sunt
 de eadem firma de anno xxi Regis hujus & e-
 jus arreragiis, pro eo quod prædictæ Cxx
 marcæ inter alia allocantur Abbati & Mona-
 chis B. Mariæ de Graciis juxta Turrim Regis
 Londoniæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxi in
 Item Londonia. Et debent Lx marcas. Et
 respondent in dorso Rotuli. *Mag. Rot.* 24
Hen. 7. tit. Londonia Middelfexia, m. 1. a.

(*z*) Firma Gildæ. Et [reddit compotum]
 de xxviis viii d, receptis de Textor[ibus] vo-
 catis Wevers cum Brodlomes, pro Firma
 Gildæ suæ hoc anno debita, ultra xii l tem-
 pore determinationis libri Arrerag[iorum] de
 anno xxxviii^o Domini Henrici nuper Regis
 Angliæ octavi, per Ordinationem Dominorum
 Privati Consilii dicti Domini Regis ex confi-
 deratione paupertatis dictorum Artificum ex-
 onerat[as], solvendis ad iii^o anni terminos in
 Civitate Londonia usuales. Summa, xxvi s
 viii d. *Ex Compoto Ministrorum Regis, 5 Edw.*
6. in Londonia, tit. B. Maria de Graciis, ex-
tante in archivo Curie Augmentationum. 3

CHAP. *Broad-loom*s were the same with the Old *Telarii Londoniæ* or different, it doth not at present appear to me. SECT. XXI.

XXI. In the Tenth year of K *Henry IV*, *William Cokenage* brought an action of Trespass in the Court of Exchequer, against *Robert Large* and *Walter Chertsey* late Sherifs of *London*; And Declares, That they unjustly, by colour of their Office, took and carried-away his goods, to wit, a Bafin, Linnen thread, and other Household-utenfils, to the value of Ten pounds.

The Sherifs come and Plead, That the *Teliers* or *Weavers* of *London* time beyond memory of man were a *Corporated Craft* called *Weverscraft*, having their *Gild*, and rendring to the present King and to his Progenitours formerly Kings of *England* successively, every year at the feast of *St Michael*, Twenty marks for their said *Gild*; That the present King and all his Progenitours, during the said immemorial time, were successively seized of the said Annual Twenty marks, to be received of the *Weavers* of *London* for their said *Gild* every year at the said feast of *St Michael*; That in regard Twenty marks of the said Annual Twenty marks were arere and not paid by the said *Weavers*, for the year ending at the feast of *St Michael* in the Ninth year of the present King, the said King, by the *Summone* of the *Pipe* of his Exchequer, commanded the said Sherifs to levy on the said *Weavers* the said Twenty marks so being arere; And that by vertue of the said *Summone* the said Sherifs came to *William Cokenages* house at *London*, where the said *William* did then use and for all the said Ninth year had used the *Weavers* craft, and demanded of him Two marks part of the said Annual Twenty marks so standing in arere, and that *William* refused to pay the same to the said Sherifs, And that thereupon the said Sherifs took and carried-away the said *Williams* goods, and levied thereout the said Two marks for the Kings use, as they legally might do. Wherefore they conceive the Court will not in this case proceed *Domino Rege inconsulto*.

William emparleth. Afterwards he Replyeth, That whereas the said Sherifs have alleged in their Plea, that he the said *William* was a *Weaver*, and used the said *Weverscraft* during all the said Ninth year, and was of the said *Gild*, he saith, That in the said Ninth year and long before and continually since that time, he the said *William* was of a certain *Craft* called *Lynnenweaverscraft*, begunn and settled in *London* in the Ninth year of K *Richard II*, and used There ever since by the *Weavers* of the said *Lynnenweaverscraft*, and that he never was of the said *incorporated Craft* called *Weverscraft*, having its *Gild* in form aforesaid, and paying yearly Twenty marks to the King and his Progenitours successively for the said *Gild*, and never did use the said *Craft* so having a *Gild*. And this he is ready to prove as the Court shall award. He saith further, that the Plea of the said Sherifs is not sufficient in law for them to have Aid of the King in this case. He prayeth that they may be barred from having such Aid, and may be compelled to give him a further answer in the premisses.

The Sherifs Rejoin, That they in their pleading have alleged sufficient matter to have Aid of the King; and Pray they may have Aid accordingly. *William Cokenage* Surrejoins and maintains his Replication. The Court, upon deliberation had, do award, that the Sherifs shall have Aid of the King. And the Court warned *William Cokenage* to make humble application to the King in the mean time, if he thought fit. After some time *William* brought a *Close-writ* of the Great Seal, directed to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer. This Writ reciteth all the proceedings hitherto had in the Exchequer between the said parties litigant. It reciteth also, that by reason of the said Aid-prayer, the Barons had delayed the cause; and that *William* had supplicated the King in his Chancery to command them to proceed therein. Therefore the King by this Writ commandeth the Treasurer and Barons, that if the case stood before them so as *William* had suggested, Then they should proceed with all celerity according to law, and do full and speedy Right to the parties, notwithstanding the said allegation and Aid-prayer; Provided they do not by any means proceed to give Judgment in the case *Rege inconsulto*. Upon this the Court took advisement. After some time, the Sherifs Rebutt and Plead to the principal matter. They say, That the *Weavers* of *London*, in the times of K *Henry I* and K *Stephen* made or were an *incorporated Craft* called *Weverscraft*, having their *Gild*, and paying Twenty marks yearly at the feast of *St Michael* to the said late Kings by the *Summonces* of the *Pipe*

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CHAP. for their said *Gild*: That K *Henry* II by his Charter, which they now produce S E C T.
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 of *Weavers* of *London* in general, their said *Gild*, To hold the same in *London*, with all Liberties and customes which they had in the time of the said K *Henry* I, so that no man, except with their good-will should deal in their *Craft* unless he was of their *Gild*, either in *Sudwork* or in other places belonging to *London*, in any other manner than was accustomed in the time of K *Henry* I; Wherefore he straitly commanded, that they should be every where treated legally, and should hold all their said privileges as freely and entirely as they ever held the same in the time of the said K *Henry* I; They rendring yearly to the said K *Henry* II the said Twenty marks by the name of Two marks of gold at the feast of St *Michael*: That all the said Weavers of *London* and their successours peaceably had their said *Gild* in the times of K *Richard* I K *John* and K *Henry* III, with all the liberties and customs which they had in the time of K *Henry* I, and no man without their good-will, unless he was of their *Gild*, meddled in their Trade, in *London* or in *Sudwork* or other places belonging to *London*; and that they rendred the said Twenty marks yearly at St *Michael* to the said late Kings successively, by the *Summonces* of their Exchequer, as appeareth in the Records of the said Exchequer: That K *Henry* III by his Charter, which the said Sherifs do now produce in Court, dated at *Southwick* in the Thirtyseventh year of his reign, Reciting by *Inspeximus* the Charter of K *Henry* II and inserting it word for word, did for himself and his heirs confirm the said Grant of K *Henry* II to all the *Weavers* of *London* by the general name of the *Telarii Londoniae*: That all the said *Telarii Londoniae* from Time out of mind by reason of the premisses made or were the said *incorporated Trade* called *Weverscraft*, having their *Gild*, and rendring Twenty marks yearly to the King and his ancestours successively, and that during all the said immemorial time they have rendred the said Twenty marks by the *Summonces* of the *Pipe* of the Exchequer: That the present King and all his ancestours were time out of mind seized of the said Annual Twenty marks, payable at the said feast of St *Michael*, and levyable on the said *Telarii Londoniae* by the *Summonces* of the *Pipe* of their Exchequer, as fully appeareth of Record in this Court: That because Twenty marks of the said Annual Twenty marks were behind and not paid to the King for the year ending at the feast of St *Michael* in the said Ninth year of the present King, the same King by the *Summonces* of the *Pipe* of his Exchequer commanded the said Sherifs to levy the said Twenty marks (so being behind) on the said *Telarii*: That by vertue of the said *Summonces*, the said Sherifs came to the House of the said *William* at *London*, where he the said *William* Then and during all the said Ninth year used the Trade of a *Weaver*, and demanded of him Two marks part of the said Twenty marks so standing in arrere, and the said *William* refused to pay those Two marks to the said Sherifs: And that thereupon the said Sherifs at the time when it is supposed the said Trespass was done, took and carried-away the said *Williams* said goods and chatells, and thereon levied the said Two marks to the Kings use, and answered them to the King; as they might lawfully do. Wherefore they conceive that in this case no wrongful act can be laid to their charge.

To this *William Cokenage* Surrebutteth. He saith, That he ought not to be barred from his action by any thing before-alleged, For that in the City of *London* there now are, and from Time beyond Memory of Man there were several kinds of Sellers and Workers of divers sorts of Cloths, that among the rest the Sellers and Workers of Woollen Cloths only are called, and Time beyond Memory of Man were called, *Clothiers*, *Weavers*, *Burelliers*, *Fullers*, or *Dyers*, in general and indeterminately, without particularizing what sort of Cloth they were Sellers or Workers of: That when K *Henry* II and K *Henry* III, by their Charters recited in the said Plea of the said Sherifs, granted and confirmed to the *London-Weavers* of Woollen Cloth, by the name of the *Weavers* of *London* in general and indeterminate words, a certain *Gild* and certain Liberties contained in the said Charters: That the said *Weavers*, afterwards in the Fourteenth year of K *Edward* II, were summoned before *Hervicus de Staunton* and his companions Justices Itinerant at the *Tower* of *London*, to answer to the King in a Plea of *Quo Warranto*, to shew by What Warrant they Claimed to have the said *Gild* and the said Liberties within the said City, to wit, That by vertue of the said *Gild* they are to choose and have Bailifs and Ministers *de seipsis* yearly, and to bring them before

CHAP. before the Mayor of *London* to be Sworn to execute their office well and truly, SECT. XXI.
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they wrought unfairly to the damage of the Kings people they ought to be amerced before the Mayor of *London* at half a mark, and the Workman himself before the Bailif of the said *Gild* according to the custom of the said *Gild*, And that if it be found that any one makes for Sale any Cloth or pieces of Cloth of *Spanish* wool mixt with *English* wool in deceit of the Kings people, the same be condemned to be burnt; That the said *Weavers* then came and produced before the said Justices a Charter of K *Edward* I, and another of K *Edward* II, reciting the abovesaid Grants and Confirmations, and at the same time alleged, that by reason of the said *Gild* they claimed to have their Weekly Court for matters relating to their *Gild*; And as to their Claim touching Cloth of *Candelwykstreet*, they said, that if any one brought Thread to them to be woven, they by their Bailifs ought to see whether such Thread be fit for Weaving, and if it be found unfit, then the Bailifs ought to examine the Weaving wrought with such unfit Thread, And if there be found defect in the Thread or Weaving, then the Bailifs ought to declare such defect to the Mayor of *London*, and the matter is to be adjudged before him, and the *Burellier* who made such Thread ought to be There amerced at half a mark, and the Weaver to be punished by the Bailifs of the said *Gild*, And as to their Claim that if it be found that any man makes for Sale any Cloth of *Spanish* wool mixt with *English*, they say, that such Cloth ought to be adjudged by the Mayor of *London* to be Burnt; as appeareth by the Record of the said *Iter* remaining in the Treasury of the Exchequer.

He further saith, That in a Statute made in the Eleventh year of K *Edward* III, by reason of the Decay of the *Woollen-weavery*, and the paucity of Cloth-workers in *England* *Wales* and *Ireland*, it was, for the common profit of the Realm, ordained, that no Foreign merchant or other person, under pain of Life and Limb, should export any Wool till such time as the King and his Council should permitt, And that no person of what condition soever in *England* *Ireland* *Wales* or such part of *Scotland* as was under the Kings obedience, should after the next *Michaelmas* use any Cloth other than such as was made in *England* *Ireland* *Wales* or *Scotland* within the Kings dominion, on pain of forfeiting such Cloth, and of being Ransomed at the Kings Will; And that no Merchant or other should privily or openly import into *England* or any of the Kings dominions, any Cloth of Foreign-make; And that all Foreign Cloth-workers of what Countrey soever who would come into *England* or the Kings Dominions and settle There, might securely, under the Kings protection and safe-conduct come thither, and settle where they would in the said Kingdom and Dominions, and for their encouragement the King would grant them such Liberties as might be sufficient: That afterwards the said Foreign Clothworkers by their Petition exhibited to K *Edward* III in his Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the Twentysixth year of his reign, did set forth that they were greatly hindred and disquieted in the City of *London* by the Weavers There, and in other Cities and Places of the Realm by the Kings other Subjects, and Prayed his Majesty to provide for their immunity, and to protect and defend them so effectually, that they might the better and more quietly follow their Trade, according to the form of the aforesaid Ordinance and Concord; That thereupon the said King, desiring to have the said Ordinance and Grant inviolably kept, for the common profit of his Subjects, did with the assent of the Prelates Earls Barons and other Great men assembled in his said Parliament, grant for himself and his heirs to all and singular Foreign Clothworkers, of what Countrey soever they were, who then resided in his said Kingdom and Dominions, and would then after come and abide There and follow their Craft, and would behave themselves well and loyally towards the King and his heirs, and would not adhere to the enemies of the Crown, that they might safely abide in the said Realm and Dominions under the Kings protection, and might freely follow their Craft, without being compellable to be members of the *Gild* of *Weavers* of *London* Natives or of other Clothworkers of this Realm, or to pay any summs of money by reason of such *Gild*; as appeareth by the Parliament-Rolls. And so (saith he) all the aforesaid Records and Statutes making mention in general words of Cloth of *Candelwykestrete* and other Cloths, and of *Weavers* and other *Clothworkers*, are to be understood

CHAP. understood of Woollen Cloth and Workers of Woollen Cloth onely; as may evidently appear by looking into the said Records and Statutes. S E C T. XXI.

X. And whereas the said Sherifs have alleged, that he the said *William* at *Michaelmas* in the said Ninth year, and during the said whole Ninth year, used the said *incorporated Craft* of the *Weavers* who had a *Gild* and rendred yearly Twenty marks in form aforesaid, and that he was of the said *Gild*, he saith, That he the said *William* at *Michaelmas* in the said Ninth year of the present King, and during the said whole Ninth year, and long-before and ever-since, used a certain Trade or *Craft* called *Lynnenweverscraft*, which was never incorporated or gildated, but was from Time out of mind distinct and different from the said *incorporation* and *Gild*, and hath all-along been used and occupied in *London* by the *Lynnenwevers*, and That he Then and long-before and ever-since was and still is of the said Trade or *Craft* called *Lynnenweverscraft*. And he expressly denyeth, That he is or ever was a member of the said *incorporated Craft*, which hath a *Gild* in form aforesaid, and payeth yearly Twenty marks to the Crown for their *Gild*, and that he ever used the said *Craft* so having a *Gild*: He denyeth, That all the *Weavers* of *London* in general did from Time immemorial make or compose the *incorporated Craft* called *Weverscraft* having their *Gild* and paying the said Twenty marks yearly to the Crown. He denyeth also, That the King and all his progenitours were from Time beyond memory successively seized of the said Annual Twenty marks to be received of or levied on all the *Weavers* of *London* in general: He denyeth, That the King and all his progenitours, when the said Annual Twenty marks were unpaid, used to levy the same and the arrerages thereof, by the *Summonces* of their Exchequer, upon all the *Weavers* of *London* in general: He denyeth, That there is any Record in the Kings Exchequer or in the *Pipe* There, proving that the said Annual Twenty marks were levied upon all the *Weavers* of *London* in general, but only upon the *Weavers* of *London* being members of the said *Gild*: Lastly, he denyeth, That all the *Weavers* of *London* together do make or ever did make the said *Gild*, or ought to render or used to render the said Annual Twenty marks. And all these allegations he pretendeth to prove.

To this Plea the Sherifs the Defendants Reply, and maintain all things which they had before alleged. For the rest, they Demurr in law. *William* joineth in Demurrer. The matter stood for the Judgment of the Court. Before the Barons proceeded to give Judgment, they warned the plaintiff *William* to Move the King for a Writ of *Procedendo*, if he thought fit. The Sherifs came by their Attorney, and delivered in Court a Writ of *Procedendo* under the Great Seal, directed to the Treasurer and Barons. *William* is Nonsuited. And Judgment passeth against him (a).

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(a) London[ia]. Robertus Large & Walterus Chertefeye nuper Vicecomites Civitatis London[ie] attachiati fuerunt per breve huius Scaccarii effendi hic modo die Mercurii sexto decimo die Octobris hoc termino, ad respondendum Willelmo Cokenage de London[ia] Lynnenwever, in quodam placito transgressionis.

Et modo ad prædictum diem Mercurii venit hic prædictus Willelmus per Robertum Mildenhale attornatum suum, Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per Willelmum Fallan eorum attornatum similiter venerunt hic. Et unde prædictus Willelmus Cokenage queritur versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites, de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites injuste & colore Officii sui, die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, anno regni Domini Regis nunc decimo, apud London[iam], in parochia S Martini Otewych in Warda de Bysshopegate, bona & catalla ipsius Willelmi, videlicet unam pelvim flum lineum & alia utensilia domus ad valenciam decem librarum, inventa ceperunt & asportave-

runt, & alia enormia ei intulerunt. Et unde prædictus Willelmus Cokenage deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valenciam ducentarum marcarum. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per eorum Attornatum præsentem &c defendunt dampnum & quicquid &c; petunt auditum brevis prædicti, Et eis legitur &c. Quo audito, dicunt quod ipsi ad præsens non sunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Willelmo Cokenage in præmissis, & petunt diem inde loquendi usque Octabas S Hillarii, citra quem &c; Quod per Curiam concessum est eis; & idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo Cokenage hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei respondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt quod ipsi nondum sunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Willelmo Cokenage in præmissis; & petunt ulterius diem inde loquendi usque a die Paschæ in xv dies, citra quem &c; Quod per

CHAP. In this case of *Cokenage*, the Pleadings are prolix confused and ill-worded. S E C T.
X. However there are some remarkable things therein. It appeareth to be admitted XXI.
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per Curiam concessum est eis; Et idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo Cokenage hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attorn[atos] suos; Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei respondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt, quod Telarii London[iæ] artem incorporatam vocat[am] Weverscraft, gildam suam habentes, & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum Sancti Michaelis Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis quondam Regibus Angliæ successive pro gilda sua reddentes, a tempore quo non extat memoria fecerunt; & quod Dominus Rex nunc & omnes progenitores sui quondam Reges Angliæ a toto tempore prædicto successive seisiiti fuerunt de viginti marcis annuis prædict[is], singulis annis percipiend[is], de Telariis London[iæ], pro gilda sua prædicta ad festum prædictum in forma prædicta solvend[is] & levand[is]; & quia viginti marcæ de prædictis viginti marcis annuis Domino Regi nunc de termino Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni sui nono prox[imo] ante prædictum diem Jovis, videlicet pro uno anno integro, aretro fuerunt per prædictos Telarios non solutæ, prædictus Dominus Rex per Sum[monitiones] suas Pipæ de eodem Scaccario eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus directas, præcepit eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus, quod de eisdem Telariis levare facerent easdem viginti marcas sic aretro existentes. Virtute quarum Sum[monitionum] iidem nuper Vicecomites venerunt ad domum prædicti Willelmi Cokenage apud London in parochia & Warda prædictis, ubi idem Willelmus Cokenage Telarius arte prædicta adtunc & per totum prædictum annum nonum utebatur, & pecierunt de ipso Willelmo duas marcas parcelam de ipsis viginti marcis annuis sic aretro existentibus, idem Willelmus duas marcas illas eisdem nuper Vicecomitibusolvere denegavit; per quod iidem nuper Vicecomites prædicta bona & catalla ipsius Willelmi ibidem inventa adtunc ceperunt & asportaverunt, & easdem duas marcas ad opus Domini Regis, inde levaverunt, prout eis bene licuit. Unde non intendunt quod Domino Rege inconsulto Curia in hoc casu procedere velit &c.

Et super hoc prædictus Willelmus Cokenage dicit, quod ipse ad præsens non est avifatus ad replicandum placito prædictorum nuper Vicecomitum & petit diem inde replicandi usque Octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis, citra quem &c; Quod per Curiam concessum est ei; & idem dies datus est præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos; & prædicti nuper Vicecomites petunt quod prædictus Willelmus Cokenage replicet placito ipsorum nuper Vicecomitum. Et super hoc prædictus Willelmus Cokenage dicit quod ipse ad præsens non est avifatus ad replicandum placito prædictorum nuper Viceco-

mitum; & petit diem ulterius inde replicandi usque a die S Michaelis in xv dies, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est ei; Et idem dies datus est præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites petunt quod prædictus Willelmus Cokenage replicet placito ipsorum nuper Vicecomitum. Et super hoc prædictus Willelmus Cokenage dicit, quod ubi prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius placitando allegarunt ipsum Willelmum Cokenage Telarium arte prædicta vocata Weverscraft dicto Termino S Michaelis dicto anno nono, & per totum prædictum annum nonum, usum fuisse, & de gilda prædicta extitisse, idem Willelmus dicit, quod ipse quadam arte vocata Lynnenweverscraft tempore Domini R nuper Regis Angliæ secundi post conquestum anno regni sui nono incepta & ordinata, & hucusque abinde in eadem Civitate per Telarios ejusdem Civitatis dictæ artis vocatæ Lynnenweverscraft usitata & occupata dicto Termino S Michaelis dicto anno nono dicti Domini Regis nunc & diu antea & semper continue postea extitit, & adhuc existit, & numquam de prædicta arte incorporata vocata Weverscraft, gildam suam in forma prædicta habente, & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis quondam Regibus Angliæ successive pro gilda sua reddente fuit, nec arte illa sic gildam habente unquam usus fuit, prout iidem nuper Vicecomites superius placitando allegarunt. Et hoc paratus est verificare prout Curia. Et ulterius idem Willelmus Cokenage dicit, quod placitum prædictorum nuper Vicecomitum modo & forma superius placitatum non est sufficiens in lege ad auxilium de Domino Rege in hac parte habendum; petit judicium, & quod ipsi nuper Vicecomites ab auxilio de dicto Domino Rege nunc in hac parte habendo præcludantur; & quod iidem nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius respondeant in præmissis &c.

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites, ex quo ipsi sufficienter ad auxilium de Domino Rege nunc in hac parte habendum superius placitarunt, petunt auxilium de Domino Rege in præmissis. Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage dicit ut prius &c; Et petit judicium similiter. Ideo ad judicium. Et recitato placito ipso inter Barones prædictos, cons[ideratum] est per eosdem Barones, quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites habeant auxilium &c. Et super hoc datus est dies partibus prædictis usque Crastinum S Martini anno regni Domini Regis nunc undecimo. Et dictum est per Curiam præfato Willelmo, quod interim sequatur versus dictum Dominum Regem nunc in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et dictus Dominus Rex nunc ad eundem diem non mandavit hic aliquod bre-

CHAP. on all hands, that if *Cokenage* was one of the *Gild of London-weavers*, his goods S E C T.
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ve &c. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in forma prædicta usque Octabas S Hillarii proximo futur[as]. Et dictum est ulterius per Curiam præfato Willelmo quod interim sequatur penes dictum Dominum Regem nunc citra easdem octabas in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et dictus Dominus Rex nunc ad eundem diem non mandavit hic aliquod breve. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in forma prædicta usque xv^{am} Paschæ proximo futuram. Et dictum est ulterius per Curiam præfato Willelmo quod interim sequatur penes dictum Dominum Regem nunc citra eandem quindenam in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et dictus Dominus Rex nunc ad eundem diem non mandavit hic aliquod breve &c. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in forma prædicta, usque Crastinum S Johannis Baptistæ proximo futurum. Et dictum est ulterius per Curiam præfato Willelmo quod interim sequatur penes dictum Dominum Regem nunc citra eundem crastinum in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et dictus Dominus Rex nunc ad eundem diem non mandavit hic aliquod breve &c. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in forma prædicta, usque in quindenam S Michaelis proximo futuram. Et dictum est ulterius per Curiam præfato Willelmo quod interim sequatur penes dictum Dominum Regem citra eandem quindenam in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædictus Willelmus tulit hic breve Domini Regis nunc sub Magno Sigillo suo clausum, Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, Cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario suo salutem. Monstravit nobis Willelmus Cokenage de London[ia] Lynnewever, quod cum ipse implacitet coram vobis per breve de Scaccario, Robertum Large & Walterum Chertefey nuper Vicecomites Civitatis London[iæ], de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites injuste & colore officii sui, die Jovis proximo ante festum S Michaelis Archangeli anno regni nostri decimo, apud London[iam] in parochia S Martini Otewych in Warda de Biffhopesgate, bona & catalla ipsius Willelmi, videlicet, unam pelvim filum lineum & alia utensilia domus, ad valenciam decem librarum, inventa ceperunt & asportaverunt; & alia enormia ei intulerunt; & unde prædictus Willelmus deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valenciam ducentarum marcarum; Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per Attornatum suum pecierunt

auditum brevis prædicti, & eis legebatur; quo audito dicebant quod ipsi adtunc non fuerunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Willelmo in præmissis, & pecierunt diem inde loquendi usque ad certum diem jam præteritum, quod eis concessum fuit, & idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo ibidem. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt ibidem per prædictos attornatos suos, & prædictus Willelmus peciit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei responderent in præmissis; Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dixerunt, quod ipsi adtunc non fuerunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Willelmo in præmissis, & pecierunt ulterius diem inde loquendi usque ad certum alium diem similiter jam præteritum, Quod eis concessum fuit, Et idem dies datus fuit præfato Willelmo ibidem; Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt ibidem per prædictos attornatos suos, & prædictus Willelmus peciit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei responderent in præmissis; Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicebant, quod Telarii London[iæ] artem incorporatam vocat[am] Weverscraft gildam suam habentes & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis nobis & progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Angliæ successive pro gilda sua reddentes, a tempore quo non extat memoria fecerunt, & quod nos & omnes progenitores nostri quondam Reges Angliæ a toto tempore prædicto successive seisisi fuerimus de viginti marcis annuis prædictis, singulis annis percipiend[is] de Telariis London[iæ] pro gilda sua prædicta, ad festum prædictum in forma prædicta solvend[is] & levand[is]; & quia viginti marcæ de prædictis viginti marcis annuis nobis de Termino Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni nostri nono proximo ante prædictum diem Jovis, videlicet pro uno anno integro, aretro fuerunt per prædictos Telarios non solut[æ], nos per Sum[monitiones] nostras Pipæ de eodem Scaccario eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus directas, præceperimus eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus quod de eisdem Telariis levare facerent easdem viginti marcas sic aretro existentes; Virtute quarum Sum[monitionum] iidem nuper Vicecomites venerunt ad domum prædicti Willelmi apud Londoniam in parochia & Warda prædictis, ubi idem Willelmus Telarius arte prædicta adtunc & per totum prædictum annum nonum utebatur, & pecierunt de ipso Willelmo duas marcas parcell[am] de ipsis viginti marcis annuis sic aretro existentibus, idem Willelmus duas marcas illas eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus solvere denegavit, per quod iidem nuper Vicecomites prædicta bona & catalla ipsius Willelmi ibidem inventa adtunc ceperunt & asportaverunt, & easdem duas marcas ad opus nostrum inde levaverunt, prout eis bene licuit; unde non intendebant quod nobis inconsultis in hoc casu procedere velletis; Et super hoc prædictus Willelmus adtunc dixit, quod

CHAP. The Sherifs of *London* took this for granted; in that they readily seised his goods S E C T.
X. as lyable. *Cokenage* himself took this for granted; for in order to get himself XXI.
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quod ipse adtunc non fuit avisatus ad replicandum placito prædictorum nuper Vicecomitum, & petiit diem inde replicandi usque ad certum diem jam præteritum, quod ei concessum fuit, & idem dies datus erat præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus ibidem; Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt ibidem per prædictos attornatos suos, & prædicti nuper Vicecomites pecierunt quod prædictus *Willelmus* replicaret placito ipsorum nuper Vicecomitum, & petiit ulterius diem inde replicandi usque ad certum diem similiter jam præteritum, quod ei concessum fuit, & idem dies datus erat præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus ibidem. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt ibidem per prædictos attornatos suos, & prædicti nuper Vicecomites pecierunt quod prædictus *Willelmus* replicaret placito ipsorum nuper Vicecomitum; & super hoc prædictus *Willelmus* dicebat, quod ubi prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius placitando allegarunt ipsum *Willelmum* *Telarium* arte prædicta vocata *Weverscraft* dicto *Termino* *S Michaelis* dicto anno nono, & per totum prædictum annum nonum, usum fuisse, & de gilda prædicta extitisse, idem *Willelmus* dicebat quod ipse quadam arte vocata *Lynnenwevercraft* tempore *Domini R* nuper *Regis Angliæ* secundi post conquestum anno regni sui nono incepta & ordinata, & usque tunc abinde in eadem Civitate per *Telarios* ejusdem Civitatis dictæ artis vocatæ *Lynnenwevercraft* usitata & occupata, dicto *Termino* *Sancti Michaelis* dicto anno regni nostri nono, & per totum prædictum annum regni nostri nonum, & diu antea & semper continue postea, usus fuit, & de eadem arte vocata *Lynnenwevercraft* adtunc & diu antea & continue semper postea extiterit & adhuc extitit, & nunquam de prædicta arte incorporata vocata *Weverscraft*, gildam suam in forma prædicta habente, & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum *S Michaelis* nobis & progenitoribus nostris quondam *Regibus Angliæ* successive pro gilda sua reddente, fuit, nec arte illa sic gildam habente unquam usus fuit, prout iidem nuper Vicecomites superius placitando allegarunt, & hoc paratus fuit verificare; & ulterius idem *Willelmus* dixit, quod placitum prædictorum nuper Vicecomitum modo & forma superius placitatum non fuit sufficiens in lege ad auxilium de nobis in hac parte habendum, petendo iudicium, & quod ipsi nuper Vicecomites ab auxilio de nobis in hac parte habendo præcluderentur, & quod iidem nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius responderent in præmissis; Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites ex quo ipsi sufficienter ad auxilium de nobis in hac parte habendam superius placitarunt, pecierunt auxilium de nobis in præmissis; & prædictus *Willelmus* dixit ut prius, & petiit iudicium similiter; Et recitato placito prædicto inter vos, consideratum fuit, quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites haberent auxilium; & super hoc da-

tus fuit dies partibus prædictis usque ad certum diem jam præteritum, & dictum fuit præfato *Willelmo* quod interim sequeretur penes nos in præmissis si sibi viderit expedire; Cujus quidem allegationis prætextu, vos in placito illo ulterius procedere distulistis & adhuc defertis, in ipsius *Willelmi* dampnum non modicum & gravamen; super quo nobis supplicavit ut in placito prædicto procedi jubere vellemus: Nos nolentes justitiam sibi differri in hac parte, vobis mandamus quod si in placito prædicto coram nobis taliter sit processum & allegatum, tunc in placito illo cum ea celeritate qua de jure & secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri *Angliæ* poteritis procedatis, & partibus prædictis plenam & celerem justitiam in præmissis faciatis, allegatione prædicta non obstante; Dum tamen ad iudicium inde reddendum nobis inconsultis nullatenus procedatis. T meipso apud *Westm.* xvii^o die *Novembris* anno regni nostri duodecimo.

Et super hoc prædictus *Willelmus* petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius respondeant in præmissis &c, allegatione prædicta non obstante. Et quia Curia vult avifari in præmissis, antequam ulterius inde procedatur, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque in *Octabas S Hillarii* hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædictus *Willelmus* petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius respondeant in præmissis &c, allegatione prædicta non obstante. Et quia Curia prædicta nondum avifatur in præmissis &c, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque a die *Paschæ* in xv dies hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædictus *Willelmus* petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius respondeant in præmissis &c, allegatione prædicta non obstante. Et quia Curia prædicta nondum avifatur in præmissis &c, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque *Octabas S Trinitatis* hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos; & prædictus *Willelmus* *Cokenage* petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei ulterius respondeant in præmissis &c, allegatione prædicta non obstante. Et super hoc dictum est per Curiam præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus quod ulterius respondeant in præmissis, allegatione prædicta non obstante &c.

Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt, quod prædictus *Willelmus* *Cokenage* actionem suam prædictam versus eos manutene-
nere non debet, Quia dicunt quod *Telarii London[iæ]*, temporibus *Dominorum H* primi post conquestum & *Stephani* nuper *Regum Angliæ*, artem incorporatam vocat[am] *Weverscraft*, gildam suam habentes, & viginti
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CHAP. quit of the Seifure and payment, he labours and sweats to demonstrate that he S E C T.
 X. was not a member of the *Gild*; admitting that he should have been lyable, in XXI.
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marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis eisdem nuper Regibus per Summonitiones Pipæ Scaccarii sui pro gilda sua reddent[es], fecerunt, Dominusque H nuper Rex Angliæ Secundus post Conquestum per Cartam suam, quam iidem nuper Vicecomites hic in Curia proferunt, cujus data est apud Went[anam], concessit omnibus tunc Telariis London[iæ], per nomen Telariorum Lundon[iæ] in generali, gildam suam, habend[am] in London[ia], cum omnibus Libertatibus & consuetudinibus quas habuerunt tempore prædicti nuper Regis H avi sui, Et ita quod nullus nisi per illos se intromitteret infra Civitatem de eorum ministerio, nisi esset in eorum Gilda, neque in Sudworc, neque in aliis locis London[iæ] pertinentibus, aliter quam solebat fieri tempore prædicti nuper Regis avi sui: Quare voluit & firmiter præcepit, quod ubique legaliter tractarentur, & haberent omnia supradicta ita bene & in pace, & libere & honorifice & integre, sicut unquam melius & liberius & honorificentius & integrius habuerunt tempore prædicti nuper Regis avi sui: Ita quod inde singulis annis redderent eidem H nuper Regi Secundo prædictas viginti marcas, per nomen duarum marcarum auri, ad festum Sancti Michaelis: Et prohibuit nequis eis super hoc aliquam injuriam seu contumeliam faceret, supra decem librarum forisfactura. Iidemque omnes tunc Telarii London[iæ] & Successores sui Gildam suam, temporibus Dominorum nuper Regum Angliæ Ricardi primi Johannis & Henrici tertii, pacifice habuerunt, cum omnibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus quas habuerunt tempore prædicti nuper Regis H primi, & nullus nisi per illos se intromisit de eorum ministerio infra dictam Civitatem, nisi qui fuit de eorum gilda, neque in Sudworc, neque in aliis locis London[iæ] pertinentibus, & prædictas viginti marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis eisdem nuper Regibus successive per Sum[monitiones] Scaccarii sui reddiderunt, prout in Recordis ejusdem Scaccarii satis liquet. Et idem Dominus H nuper Rex per quandam Cartam suam, quam iidem nuper Vicecomites hic in Curia proferunt, Cujus data est per manum ipsius nuper Regis apud Suwicum, vicesimo septimo die Junii anno regni sui tricesimo septimo, Recitans ipsum Inspexisse prædictam Cartam prædicti Domini H nuper Regis Secundi, & ipsam de verbo in verbum inserens sua Carta, prædictam concessionem ipsius H nuper Regis secundi ratam habens & gratam, eam omnibus Telariis London[iæ], per hoc nomen generale Telariorum Lundon[iæ], pro ipso nuper Rege & hæredibus suis concessit & confirmavit, prout prædicta Carta rationabiliter testatur, & sicut iidem Telarii libertatibus & consuetudinibus suis in eadem Carta contentis usque tunc rationabiliter usi fuerunt. Et dicunt, quod omnes Telarii London[iæ] a tempore quo non extat memoria, ratione præmissorum dictam

artem incorporatam vocat[am] Weverscraft, gildam suam habentes, & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis nuper Regibus Angliæ successive reddentes, fecerunt, & viginti marcas illas per Sum[monitiones] Pipæ Scaccarii eorum a toto eodem tempore reddiderunt. Dominusque Rex nunc & omnes progenitores sui prædicti de viginti marcis annuis prædictis, ad festum prædictum solvendis, & per Summonitiones Pipæ Scaccarii sui de Telariis Lundon[iæ] levandis, seifiti fuerunt a toto tempore supradicto, prout in Curia hic de Recordo plene liquet. Et quia viginti marcæ de prædictis viginti marcis annuis, Domino Regi nunc de Termino S Michaelis anno regni sui nono, proximo ante prædictum diem Jovis, videlicet pro uno anno integro, aretro fuerunt per prædictos Telarios non solutæ, idem Dominus Rex nunc per Summonitiones suas Pipæ Scaccarii sui, eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus direct[as] eis præcepit, quod de eisdem Telariis levare facerent easdem viginti marcas sic aretro existentes; Virtute quarum Sum[monitionum], iidem nuper Vicecomites venerunt ad domum prædicti Willelmi apud London[iam] in parochia & Warda prædictis, ubi idem Willelmus Telarius arte prædicta adtunc & per totum prædictum annum nonum utebatur, & pecierunt de ipso Willelmo duas marcas parcell[am] de ipsis viginti marcis sic aretro existentibus, & idem Willelmus duas marcas illas eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus solvere denegavit; per quod iidem nuper Vicecomites prædicta bona & catalla ipsius Willelmi ibidem inventa, tempore quo supponitur transgressionem prædictam fieri, ceperunt & asportaverunt, & easdem duas marcas ad opus Domini Regis inde leverunt, & eidem Domino Regi inde responderunt, prout eis bene licuit. Et hoc parati sunt verificare; unde non intendunt aliquam injuriam in hac parte in personis suis assignare posse &c.

Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage, non cognoscendo aliqua per præfatos nuper Vicecomites superius allegata, dicit quod ipse per aliqua præallegata ab actione sua prædicta habenda repelli non debet, Quia dicit quod in Civitate London[iæ] sunt, & de toto tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit fuerunt diversimodi venditores & operarii diversimodorum pannorum, inter quos venditores & operar[ii] pannorum laneorum tantum, Pannarii Telarii Burellarii & Fullones vel Tinctores generaliter & indeterminate, sine denotatione vel additione cujusmodi panni venditores aut operarii fuerint, vocantur, & vocabantur a toto tempore supradicto. Et dicit, quod cum Domini H secundus & H Tertius, quondam Reges Angliæ, per Cartas suas in placito dictorum nuper Vicecomitum superius recitat[as], inter alia concessissent & confirmassent Telariis pannorum laneorum

CH A P. case he had been of the *Gild*. Lastly, the Court of Exchequer, before whom *Wil-* S E C T.
X. *liam Cokenage* brought his action, seem to take this for granted. For as soon as XXI.
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London[iæ], per nomen Telar[iorum] London[iæ] generaliter & indeterminate, quandam gildam & certas libertates, prout in eisdem cartis latius continetur; Ac iidem Telarii postmodum scilicet anno quartodecimo regni Domini E secundi nuper Regis Angliæ coram Henr[ico] (*so it is in the Roll, but it should have been Hervico*) de Staunton & sociis suis adtunc Justiciariis ipsius nuper Regis apud Turrim London[iæ] Itinerantibus sum[moniti] fuissent ad respondendum eidem nuper Regi de placito Quo waranto inter alia clam[arunt] habere Gildam prædictam & libertates subscriptas infra dictam Civitatem, scilicet quod debent virtute ejusdem Gildæ eligere & habere Ballivos & Ministros de se ipsis de anno in annum, & eos coram Majore London[iæ] ducere ad jurandum de bene & fideliter faciend[o] & custodiend[o] officium suum, Et habere Curiam suam de septimana in septimanam, Et quod si quis fecerit pannos de Candelwykestrete, per Ballivos dictæ Gildæ debet supervideri, & si operati fuerint falso ad dampnum commune populo &c, adjudicari deb[ent] coram Majore London[iæ] & ibidem amerciari ad dimidiam marcam, & Operarius coram Ballivo gildæ prædictæ secundum cons[uetudinem] eorum gildæ, Et quod si compertum sit quod si [*si is superfluous*] aliquis fecerit pannum vel pecias panni ad vendendum de lana Hispaniæ juxta cum lana Anglicana in decipiend[o] populum communem, adjudicentur ad comburendum &c; Qui quidem Telarii venerunt, & detulerunt ibidem coram præfatis Justiciariis tam Cartam Domini Regis E primi patris dicti Domini Regis E secundi, quam Cartam ipsius Domini Regis E secundi, recitantes inter alia concessionem & confirmationem supradictas, & præcipientes dictis Justiciariis quod eosdem Telarios contra præmissa in aliquo non molestant nec gravarent; Et cum hoc dixerunt iidem Telarii inter alia, quod ipsi ratione Gildæ prædictæ clamaverunt habere Curiam suam de septimana in septimanam, de omnibus quæ pertinent ad Gildam suam; Et quo ad clam[eum] suum prædictum quod si quis fecerit pannos de Candelwykestrete, dixerunt quod si quis detulerit ad ipsos filum aliquod ad texend[um], ipsi per Ballivos suos debent supervidere filum illud si sit conveniens necne, Et si forte per aliquem de Gilda sua hujusmodi filum minus bonum ad texend[um] ponatur, tunc debent Ballivi Gildæ prædictæ videre & examinare texturam telæ illius operatæ de hujusmodi filo minus bono, & si inveniatur defectus de filo vel textura, tunc debent prædicti Ballivi hujusmodi defectus nunciare Majori Londoniæ, & coram eo debet adjudicari, & Burellarius qui fecit filum illud, ibi debet amerciari ad dimidiam marcam, & operarius telæ debet puniri per ballivos prædictæ Gildæ secundum cons[uetudinem] ejusdem Gildæ, Et quo ad Clameum suum prædictum quod si

compertum sit quod aliquis fecerit pannum vel pecias panni ad vendendum de lana Hispaniæ juxta cum lana Anglicana, dixerunt quod hujusmodi panni vel peciæ panni coram Majore London[iæ] qui pro tempore fuerit debent adjudicari ad comburendum &c, sicut per Recordum Itineris prædicti quod remanet in Thesaurar[ia] Domini Regis nunc plene liquet. Præterea dicit, quod cum in Statuto sive in Parlamento Domini E tertii nuper Regis Angliæ tento apud Westm. anno regni sui undecimo, propter defectum & cessationem lanificii, ac paucitatem operariorum pannorum laneorum in Anglia Wallia & Hibernia, inter cætera pro communi utilitate dicti regni sui ordinatum fuisset & concordatum, quod nullus mercator extraneus vel privatus, nec alius cujuscumque conditionis extiterit, sub pœna forisfacturæ vitæ & membrorum, & quanti poterint forisfacere versus dictum nuper Regem E tertium, traduceret nec traduci fecerit (*for faceret*) extra quemcumque portum regni Angliæ aliquam lanam, donec aliter per eundem Regem & consilium suum fuerit ordinatum; Et quod nullus homo nec fœmina major vel minor Angliæ, Hiberniæ, Walliæ, vel Scotiæ infra potestatem Regis, cujuscumque status seu conditionis fuerit, Rege Regina & liberis suis exceptis, uteretur post festum S Michaelis extunc proximo sequens, aliquo alio panno quam talis qui factus fuerit in Anglia Hibernia Wallia & Scotia infra potestatem Regis, super forisfactur[a] ejusdem panni, & ulterius redimi ad voluntatem ejusdem Regis; Et quod nullus mercator nec alius, post festum prædictum occulte vel aperte duceret vel duci fecerit (*for faceret*) quovismodo, in Angl[iam] Hibern[iam] Wall[iam] & Scot[iam] infra potestatem Regis, aliquos pannos alibi quam inibi factos; Et quod omnes operarii pannorum de partibus extraneis, de quacumque terra seu locis fuerint, qui infra dictum regnum Angliæ seu dictas terras Hiberniæ & Walliæ venire & ibidem morari voluerint, ad eadem regnum & terras salvo & secure sub protectione & salvo conductu Regis venirent, & ubi in dictis regno & terris vellent morarentur, quodque Rex eisdem Operariis, ut libentius ibidem venirent, tot & tales libertates quot eis sufficerent concederet. Cumque subsequenter ex parte hujusmodi Operariorum, per petitionem suam exhibitam coram dicto Domino Rege E tertio, in Parlamento suo apud Westm. tento, anno regni sui vicesimo sexto, supplicatum fuisset, ut cum ipsi Operarii super exercicio dictæ misteriæ suæ, tam in Civitate London[iæ] per Telarios ibidem, quam in aliis Civitatibus & locis regni per subditos Regis impediti fuerint & multipliciter inquietati, quatenus idem Rex dignaretur ipsorum Operariorum immunitati providere, ut ipsi misteriam suam melius & tranquillius exercere possent, eos juxta formam ordinationis & concordiæ

CH A P. they had leave from the King, by the last Writ of *Procedendo*, to go-on to Judg-**S E C T.**
 X. ment, they gave Judgment against *Cokenage*. But in truth, if any man doth now **XXI.**
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cordiæ prædictarum protegi facere & tueri, Qui quidem Dominus Rex volens ordinationem & concessionem illas pro communi utilitate regni & terrarum prædictarum inviolabiliter observari, de assensu Prælatorum Comitum Baronum & aliorum Magnatum in dicto Parlamento suo existentium, concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, omnibus & singulis Operariis pannorum de dictis partibus extraneis, de quacumque terra fuerint, qui in dicto regno & terris suis adtunc fuerunt, & ad eadem extunc venire, & in eisdem morari, & misteram suam exercere voluerint, ac bene & fideliter erga ipsum Regem & hæredes suos se gesserint, & inimicis suis non adhæserint, quod ipsi salvo & secure sub protectione & salvo conductu Regis in eisdem regno & terris morari, & misteram suam libere possint exercere, absque eo quod ipsi vel eorum aliquis de essendo de Gilda Telariorum Londoniæ, vel Operariorum panni indigenarum infra regnum & terras prædictas, contra voluntatem suam aliquammodo artarentur vel compellerentur, seu ad aliquas pecuniarum summas ratione gildæ hujusmodi, infra regnum & terras prædictas, prætextu cartarum seu privilegiorum aliquibus personis suis concessorum solvere tenerentur, sicut in Rotulis Parliamentorum prædictorum plenius continetur. Et sic omnia Recorda & statuta prædicta, tam per præfatos nuper Vicecomites quam per præfatum Willelmum Cokenage superius allegata, mentionem [de] pannis de Candelwykestrete & aliis pannis, necnon de Telariis Burellariis & aliis Operariis pannorum per generalia verba facientia, intelligenda sunt de pannis laneis & Operariis pannorum laneorum tantum, sicut per inspectionem eorundem Recordorum & Statutorum manifeste constare potest. Et idem Willelmus Cokenage dicit, quod ubi præfati nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt ipsum dicta arte Telariorum incorporata & gildam habente, ac viginti marcas annuatim in forma prædicta reddente, de termino S Michaelis dicto anno nono, & per totum prædictum annum nonum usum fuisse, & de eadem gilda extitisse, idem Willelmus dicit, quod ipse quadam arte vocata Lynnenweverscraft numquam incorporata vel gildata, set a toto tempore prædicto per se distincta separata & divisa ab incorporatione & gilda prædictis, & sic hucusque in eadem Civitate per Telarios ipsius artis vocatæ Lynnenweverscraft continue occupata usitata & approbata, dicto Termino Sancti Michaelis dicto anno nono dicti Domini Regis nunc, per totum eundem annum nonum ejusdem Domini Regis nunc, & diu antea & semper continue postea usus fuit, Et de eadem arte vocata Lynnenweverscraft adtunc & diu antea & semper continue postea extitit & adhuc existit. Absque hoc quod ipse est vel unquam fuit de prædicta arte incorporata gildam suam in forma prædicta habente, & viginti marcas

annuatim ad festum S Michaelis Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis quondam Regibus Angliæ successive pro gilda sua reddente, seu arte illa sic gildam habente unquam usus fuit, prout prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt; Et absque hoc quod omnes Telarii Londoniæ in generali artem incorporatam vocatam Weverescraft gildam suam habentes, & prædictas viginti marcas annuas dicto Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis quondam Regibus Angliæ successive pro gilda sua reddentes a tempore quo non extat memoria fecerunt, prout prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt; Et absque hoc quod Dominus Rex nunc & omnes progenitores sui quondam Reges Angliæ, a toto tempore prædicto successive seisciti fuerunt de prædictis viginti marcis annuis, singulis annis percipiendis, de omnibus Telariis Londoniæ generaliter, pro gilda sua prædicta solvendis & levandis, prout prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt; Et similiter absque hoc quod Dominus Rex nunc & omnes progenitores sui prædicti, quando viginti marcæ annuæ prædictæ aretro fuerunt non solutæ, per Summonitiones suas Pipæ de Scaccario suo arreragia earundem viginti marcarum annuarum de omnibus Telariis Londoniæ, per nomen omnium Telariorum prædictorum Londoniæ, in generali, levare fecerunt, modo & forma quibus prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt; Et absque hoc quod aliquod habetur Recordum in Scaccario Domini Regis in Pipa prædicta residens, probans quod prædictæ viginti annuæ marcæ unquam levatæ fuerunt, per Summonitiones Pipæ vel aliquo alio modo, de omnibus Telariis Londoniæ, per nomen omnium Telariorum Londoniæ in generali, nisi solummodo de Telariis Londoniæ de gilda prædicta existentibus, prout prædicti nuper Vicecomites superius allegarunt; Et absque hoc quod omnes Telarii Londoniæ gildam prædictam semper infimul faciunt vel unquam fecerunt, seu prædictas viginti marcas annuas reddere debent seu reddiderunt, modo & forma quibus per prædictos nuper Vicecomites superius supponitur. Et hæc omnia & singula prædicta Willelmus Cokenage paratus est verificare prout Curia &c.

Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt quod ipsi ad præsens non sunt avisati ad replicandum placito prædicti Willelmi Cokenage; & petunt diem inde replicandi usque Octabas S Michaelis, citra quem &c; Quod per Curiam concessum est eis; Et idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo Cokenage hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos; Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites replicent placito ejusdem Willelmi Cokenage. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Vicecomites, non cognoscendo aliqua per dictum Willelmum Cokenage superius allegata,

CHAP. doubt, whether the members of the *London-gild* of *Teliers* or *Weavers* were lya- S E C T.
X. ble to contribute their contingent portion of the yearly Ferm due to the Crown; XXI.
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legata, ex quo dictus Willelmus Cokenage non dedicit quin Telarii London[iæ], per hoc nomen generale a tempore quo non extat memoria, ratione dictæ Cartæ dicti nuper Regis H secundi post conquestum, ac aliorum præmissorum, dictam artem incorporatam vocatam Wevercraft gildam suam habentes, & viginti marcas annuatim ad festum S Michaelis Domino Regi nunc & progenitoribus suis nuper Regibus Angliæ successive reddentes fecerunt, & viginti marcas illas per Sum[monitiones] Pipæ Scaccarii eorum a toto eodem tempore reddiderunt, & quod prædicti progenitores Domini Regis nunc nuper Reges Angliæ per Cartas suas unde superius fit mentio, dictam concessionem dicti nuper Regis H secundi Telariis London[iæ] per Cartam suam fact[am] in omnibus concesserunt & confirmaverunt, Dominusque Rex nunc & omnes progenitores sui prædicti de viginti marcis annuis prædictis ad festum prædictum solvendis, & per Sum[monitiones] Pipæ Scaccarii sui de Telariis London[iæ] levandis seifiti fuerunt a toto tempore supradicto, prout in Curia hic de recordo plene liquet, Et quod pro eo quod viginti marcæ de prædictis viginti marcis annuis Domino Regi nunc de termino S Michaelis anno regni sui nono, proximo ante prædictum diem Jovis, videlicet pro uno anno integro, aretro fuerunt per dictos Telarios non solutæ, quod idem Dominus Rex nunc per Sum[monitiones] suas Pipæ Scaccarii sui, eisdem nuper Vicecomitibus directas, eis præcepit quod de eisdem Telariis levar[i] facerent easdem viginti marcas sic aretro existentes, & quod idem Willelmus Cokenage Telarius arte prædicta in London[iæ] adtunc & per totum prædictum annum nonum utebatur, & quod ipse Willelmus duas marcas parcellam de ipsis viginti marcis sic aretro existentibus eisdem Vicecomitibusolvere denegavit, Et quod iidem nuper Vicecomites easdem duas marcas ad opus dicti Domini Regis nunc de prædictis bonis & catallis ipsius Willelmi levaverunt, & eidem Domino Regi nunc responderunt; Quæ omnia & singula iidem nuper Vicecomites parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c. Et ad alias materias per ipsum Willelmum Cokenage præallegatas, modo & forma per ipsum superius placitatas, iidem Vicecomites necesse non habent per legem terræ respondere; Unde petunt judicium, & quod prædictus Willelmus Cokenage ab actione sua prædicta præcludatur.

Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage ex quo ipse sufficienter superius in replicando ad placitum per prædictos Walterum & Robertum Large superius versus eum placitatum sufficienter in lege placitaverit, & prætenferit diversas verificationes quas ipse paratus est verificare prout Curia consideraverit, & quas quidem verificationes iidem Walterus & Robertus admittere omnino recusant, idem Willelmus petit judicium & dampna sua in hac parte sibi adjudicari &c.

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites dicunt ut prius &c; Et petunt judicium similiter. Ideo ad judicium. Et quia Curia prædicta ad præsens non avifatur ad judicium reddendum in præmissis, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque Octabas S Hillarii hic &c.

Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos; Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit judicium suum in præmissis. Et quia Curia prædicta nondum avifatur ad judicium reddendum in præmissis, ideo datus est dies partibus ulterius de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque a die Paschæ in xv dies hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos, Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit Judicium suum in præmissis. Et quia Curia prædicta nondum avifatur ad Judicium reddendum in præmissis, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis ulterius de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc, usque octabas S Trinitatis hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos attornatos suos. Et prædictus Willelmus Cokenage petit judicium suum in præmissis. Et quia Curia prædicta ulterius in præmissis procedere non valeat antequam &c, ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis ulterius de præmissis in eodem statu quo nunc usque Octabas S Hillarii hic &c. Et dictum est per Curiam præfato Willelmo Cokenage, quod interim sequatur versus dictum Dominum Regem nunc in præmissis, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ per attornatos suos prædictos venerunt hic. Super quo prædicti defendentes per eorum attornatum deliberaverunt hic in Curia coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii breve Domini Regis de procedendo ad judicium in præmissis. Cujus quidem brevis tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum nuper monstrante nobis Willelmo Cokenage de London[iæ] Lynnewever, quod cum ipse implacitet coram vobis per breve de Scaccario Robertum Large & Walterum Chertesey nuper Vicecomites Civitatis London[iæ], de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites injuste & colore Officii sui —, *The tenour of this Writ is the same verbatim as of the Writ set-forth above in this Pleading, to these words inclusively, viz. —* procedere distulistis, in ipsius Willelmi dampnum non modicum & gravamen, & nobis supplicante ut in placito illo ulterius procedi jubere

CHAP. his doubt may be fully resolved by the exprefs words of the Verdict which is **SECT.**
 X. hereafter recited in this Book (aa). **XXII.**

XXII. In the Second year of K *Henry VI*, *Peter James* late Mayor of the Town of *Southampton* was impleaded in the Court of Exchequer for *xxl*, the price of divers goods of a Felon convict. He comes and Pleads, That the Town of *Southampton* is and Time out of mind was an Ancient Burgh, That the Burgesſes there uſed to chooſe yearly *de ſeiſis* a Mayor and Bailiſs, That K *John*, Progenitour of the preſent King, by his Patent Letter granted the ſaid Town to the Burgesſes in Perpetual Ferm, Rendring yearly at the Kings Exchequer *CCl* ſterling, That K *Henry IV* by his Patent Letter confirmed the ſaid Grant of K *John*, and alſo granted to them that they their heirs and ſucceſſours ſhould have for ever the goods of Felons and Fugitives, which goods they or their Miniſters might ſeize and retain, In fine that theſe Grants were confirmed by K *Henry V* and K *Henry VI*; He ſaith, That he being then Mayor of the ſaid Town, did as Miniſter of the Townſmen ſeize the ſaid goods to the uſe of the ſaid Townſmen, according to the ſaid Grants and Liberties. The Court adjudgeth, That the ſaid *Peter James* be Charged to the King with the ſaid *xxl* (b).

XXIII. In

jubere vellemus, & nos nolentes juſticiam ſibi differri in ea parte, vobis mandamus [*for mandaverimus*], quod ſi in placito prædicto coram vobis taliter eſſet proceſſum & allegatum, tunc in placito illo cum ea celeritate qua de jure & ſecundum legem & conſuetudinem regni noſtri Angliæ poſſetis procedere, & partibus prædictis plenam & celerem juſticiam in præmiſſis faceretis, allegatione prædicta non obſtante, Dum tamen ad judicium inde reddendum nobis inconfultis nullatenus procederetis. Jamque præſatus Willelmus nobis monſtraverit, quod licet in loquela prædicta ad judicium inde reddendum coram vobis placitatum exiſtat, Vos tamen pro eo quod in dicto brevi noſtro [*vobis deeſt*] nuper directo expreſſa ſit mencio quod ad judicium in hac parte reddendum nobis inconfultis minime procederetur, ad judicium inde reddendum hucusque procedere diſtuliftis & adhuc differtis, in ipſius Willelmi dampnum non modicum & gravamen, unde nobis ſupplicavit ut ad redditionem judicii prædicti procedi jubere velimus, Nos nolentes eidem Willelmo juſticiam differri in hac parte, Vobis mandamus quod [*ſi, deeſt*] in loquela illa coram vobis taliter ſit placitatum, tunc ad judicium in hac parte reddendum cum ea celeritate qua de jure & ſecundum legem & conſuetudinem regni noſtri Angliæ poteritis procedatis, ac partibus prædictis plenam & celerem juſticiam fac[iatis] dicto brevi noſtro de non procedendo ad judicium nobis inconfultis vobis ſic directo non obſtante. T meipſo apud Weſtm. xviii die Decembris anno regni noſtri quartodecimo. Et ſuper hoc prædictus querens per attorn[at]um ſuum prædictum petit diem uſque diem Veneris, videlicet decimum diem Februarii proximo ſequentis, ad informandum conſilium ſuum de & in præmiſſis. Et hoc per Curiam conſeſum eſt ei. Ad quem quidem diem Veneris prædicti defendentes per attorn[at]um ſuum prædictum venerunt; & prædictus querens ſolempniter exactus non comparuit, ſet fecit defaultam. Ideo conſ[ideratum] eſt, quod prædictus querens nichil capiat per breve ſu-

um prædictum, & quod ipſe & plegii ſui ſint in miſericordia Regis &c. *Placita coram Baronibus Scaccarii, Mich. 10 Hen. 4. Rot. 8. in dorſo.*

The Clerk who wrote this Proceeding upon the Roll hath made ſeveral ſmall miſtakes or ſlips of the Pen, as appeareth by this Copy.

(aa) Chap. 11. ſect. 5. ſubſection 11.

(b) Suhamt[efire]. De Petro James nuper Majore villæ Suhamt[onia] occaſionato ad reſpondendum Regi de diverſis bonis & catallis pretii *xxl*, quæ fuerunt Clariciæ uxoris Johannis Crouk de Suhamt[onia] Squyer convictæ de feloniam.

Compertum eſt per quendam Rotulum de Extractis ad Scaccarium Domini H nuper Regis Angliæ patris Domini Regis nunc liberatum xiii^o die Julii anno regni ſui decimo, per Willelmum Hankeford tunc Capitalem Juſticiarium dicti nuper Regis ad placita coram Rege tenenda, inter billas de dicto termino ſanctæ Trinitatis dicto anno decimo exiſtentes, quod Claricia uxor Johannis Crouk in Southampton[ia] in Comitatu Suhamt[efiræ] Squyer, tenentis Hoſpitii vocati le Aungell infra Villam Suhamt[onia], die Veneris proximo ante feſtum Nativitatis ſancti Johannis Baptiſtæ, anno regni dicti nuper Regis quarto, quo die feloniam fecit, pro qua quidem feloniam ad Octabas ſanctæ Trinitatis dicto anno decimo per quendam Juratam patriæ in quam inde de bono & malo ſe poſuit, coram dicto nuper Rege apud Weſtm[onaſterium] convicta extitit, habuit diverſa bona & catalla, videlicet pannos lineos & laneos ac alia utenſilia domus ad valenciam *xxl*, quæ ad manus Petri James tunc Majoris Villæ prædictæ deveniunt, prout per Juratam prædictam compertum fuit. Et unde idem Petrus eſt Regi reſponſurus. Et viſo Rotulo prædicto per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde inter eoſdem, Concordatum eſt inter eoſdem quod prædictus Petrus James præmuniatur per breve de ſcire facias, eſſendi hic ad oftendendum & proponendum, ſi quid pro ſe habeat vel dicere ſciat, quare ipſe de *xxl* prædictis Re-

CHAP. XXIII. In the Ninth year of K Henry VI, Richard Wyredrawer and Laurence S E C T.
X. *Alisaundre* late Bailifs of the Town of *Andevere* in *Hampshire* stood Charged in XXIII.
the *Great-Roll* with several summs for *Escapes*. By vertue of this Charge the Townsmen

gi respondere & satisfacere non deberet, nec non ad ulterius audiendum & faciendum quod Curia Regis duxerit ordinandum &c. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Suhamt[oniæ], quod per probos &c scire faciat &c, Ita &c a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti sicut alias &c, Ita &c in Crastino sancti Michaelis, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem prædictus Vicecomes, videlicet Walterus Sandes Chivaler, retornavit breve prædictum indorsatum sic; Scire feci Petro James infra scripto virtute hujus brevis, quod sit coram Baronibus infra scriptis in Crastino sancti Michaelis infra contento, ad ostendendum & proponendum prout dictum breve in se exigit & requirit, per Ricardum Jekell Johannem Tannere Willelmum Benet & Ricardum Belle, probos & legales Homines de balliva mea. Et ad prædictum Crastinum sancti Michaelis prædictus Petrus venit hic per Henricum Preston Attornatum suum. Et dicit quod ipse non est plenarie informatus ad præsens ad respondendum in præmissis, petens diem ulteriorem de gratia Curie, citra quem informari poterit inde; quod de gratia Curie concessum est ei. Et super hoc datus est dies præfato Petro James usque a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad respondendum &c. *There are some Continuances.* Ad quem diem prædictus Petrus James venit per dictum Attornatum suum. Et protestando quod bona & catalla prædicta non sunt tot nec tanta nec tanti valoris, prout in dictis extractis pro Rege supponitur, pro placito dicit, quod dicta villa Suthampton[iæ] est & diu fuit antiquus Burgus Domini Regis a tempore cujus contrarii memoria Hominum non existit, & quod in eadem villa a tempore prædicto fuerunt Burgenfes, qui quidem Burgenfes usi fuerunt a tempore prædicto eligere de seipsis annuatim, die veneris proximo ante festum sancti Mathæi Apostoli, Majorem & Ballivos. Et dicit quod Dominus Johannes quondam Rex Angliæ progenitor Domini Regis nunc, per Literas suas patentes quarum data est apud Arivall vicesimo nono die Junii anno regni sui primo, concessit ad tunc Burgenfibus Villæ prædictæ, per nomen Burgensium suorum de Suthamtonia, Villam prædictam per nomen Villæ Suthamtoniæ, ad firmam imperpetuum, cum portu de Portesmues, cum omnibus pertinentiis libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus suis, & aliis omnibus quæ ad firmam dictæ Villæ Suthamptoniæ pertinebant tempore Henrici patris sui, Tenendum eisdem Burgenfibus hæredibus & Successoribus suis, de ipso Johanne quondam Rege Angliæ & hæredibus suis imperpetuum ad firmam, Reddendo inde annuatim ad festum sancti Michaelis ad Scaccarium suum ducentas libras Sterlingorum. Quam quidem concessionem Dominus Henricus nuper Rex Angliæ quartus avus Domini Regis nunc per Literas suas pa-

tentes, quarum data est apud Westm. xxix^o die Jauuarii anno regni sui secundo, inter alia ratificavit & confirmavit, & per easdem Literas suas patentes inter alia concessit ad tunc Burgenfibus Villæ prædictæ, quod ipsi hæredes & Successores sui imperpetuum haberent, inter alia, catalla felonum & fugitivorum de tenentibus & residentibus infra Villam & libertates prædictas, Ita quod si aliquis eorundem tenencium & residencium pro delicto suo vitam vel membrum deberet amittere, vel fugerit & judicio stare noluerit, vel aliud quodcumque delictum fecerit per quod catalla sua perdere deberet, ubicumque justitia de eo debet fieri, sive in Curia ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici vel hæredum suorum, sive in alia Curia, ipsa catalla forent ipsorum tunc Burgensium & eorum hæredum ac successorum suorum prædictorum. Et quod liceret eis seu Ministris suis, sine impedimento ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici vel hæredum suorum, Vicecomitum aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum suorum quorumcunque, ponere se in seisinam de catallis prædictis, ad usum dictorum Burgensium & hæredum ac successorum suorum prædictorum retinere. Quas quidem concessionem & confirmationes Dominus H nuper Rex Angliæ pater Domini Regis nunc, per Cartam suam cujus data est apud Westm. tricesimo die Novembris anno regni sui secundo, inter alia ratificavit & confirmavit, cum clausula licet &c; Et quas Dominus Rex nunc, per Literas suas patentes Curie hic ostensas, quarum data est vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni sui quarto, similiter ratificavit & confirmavit, sicut plenius continetur in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii inter Recorda de termino sancti Hillarii anno quarto Regis nunc. Et dicit ulterius idem Petrus James, quod dicta Claricia fuit tenens & residens in prædicta Villa tempore felonie prædictæ perpetratæ, & diu ante videlicet per unum annum & unum diem, & assessa fuit ad Scot & Lot cum Hominibus ejusdem Villæ. Et dicit ulterius idem Petrus James, quod ipse ad tunc Major prædictæ Villæ Suthamtoniæ, ut Minister Burgensium prædictæ Villæ, seisivit bona & catalla prædicta ad usum prædictorum Burgensium, juxta Libertates prædictas prædictis Burgenfibus in forma prædicta concessas. Quæ omnia & singula idem Petrus James paratus est verificare qualitercumque Curia &c; unde non intendit quod Dominus Rex nunc ipsum in hoc casu impetere velit &c. Et petit judicium &c. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfato Petro James usque a die Paschæ in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. *The proceedings are continued to the quinzime of St Michael.* Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est quod prædictus Petrus James oneretur erga Regem de dictis xx^l, de precio

CHAP. Townsmen of *Andevere* were distreined to answer and satisfy the King for the S E C T.

X. said summs, by reason of the insolvency of *Richard* and *Laurence*. The Townf- XXIII.

men appear by their attourney. They Plead, That they ought not to answer and satisfy the King for the said *Escapes*: For they say that K *Henry* III and all his Progenitours Kings of *England*, were seised of the Manour and Town of *Andevere* with the Foreign Hundred with their appurtenances; That the said Manour Town and Hundred are and do make, and always were and made the Manour of *Andevere* with the appurtenances: That the said Manour is Ancient Demeane [of the Crown], and all the Tenements within that Manour are and always were Pleadable by Petit brief de Droit; That within the said Manour there is and Time out of mind there was such a Custom, to wit, that at the Court to be holden for the said Manour on the *Sunday* next before St *Michael* yearly, the Tenants of the said Manour used to choose Two Bailifs out of their Body, who should serve for one whole year next following, who were to make all arrests of felons and others within their year, and who were to answer to the King for all *Escapes* of persons arrested, and for all Fines arising upon such arrests, If the said Bailifs were Sufficient, And that no other Men of the said Town were bound to answer for the same, save only by reason of the Insufficiency of the said Bailifs; That the said K *Henry* III by his Patent Letter dated the Fifteenth day of *February* in the Twelfth year of his reign, granted the said Manour Town and Hundred to the Men of the Town then being, To hold to them and their heirs, of the King and his heirs at Fee-ferm, Rendring yearly at the Kings Exchequer Fourscore pounds Blank of Old ferm, and Twenty pounds by tale of New or Added ferm; That by vertue of the said Patent Letter the Then-Men of *Andevere* were seised of the said Manour in demeane and fee; That the present Townsmen have the same estate in the said Manour which the Townsmen the Grantees had; That at the Court or Assembly of Townsmen of *Andevere*, holden within the said Manour on *Sunday* next after St *Michael* in the Second year of K *Henry* VI, the said *Laurence Alisaundre* and *John Bray* were Chosen Bailifs of *Andevere*, to serve for one year next following; That within That year, as well the abovenamed *Philipp Isabell John Silk* and *John Taillour*, as also the said *Mand Arnowe* escaped out of the custody of the said *Laurence*; That the said *John Bray* and *Laurence* are Sufficient in their lands and chatells which they have in *Andevere* and elsewhere in the Counties of *Southampton* and *Berk*, to answer and satisfy the King for the said *Escapes*; And they Deny that the Townsmen of *Andevere* ever chose or constituted the said *Richard Wyredrawer* Bailif or Sergeant of the said Town: All which matters before-alleged they are ready to prove. They pray that Judgment may pass for them. Upon this Plea the Court deliberated (c).

precio bonorum & catallorum prædictorum quæ fuerunt prædictæ Clariciæ convictæ de feloniam. Pas. Communia 2 Hen. 6. Rot. 10.

(c) Suhamtonia. De Hominibus Villæ de Andevere occasionatis ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi de diversis summis ob insufficientiam Ballivorum ejusdem Villæ per eosdem Homines ut supponitur constitutorum.

Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno nono Regis nunc in Suhamtonia, quod exiguntur ibidem de Ricardo Wyredrawer de Andevere Sergeant xl, versus ipsum recuperatæ pro evasione Philippi Parysheprest de de Bryffelden in Comitatu Suthamtoniæ Capellani & Isabellæ uxoris Johannis servientis Vicarii Ecclesiæ de Hamell in the Hoke Concubinæ ipsius Philippi, pro suspicionem feloniam captorum & custodiæ præfati Ricardi commissorum, & ab eadem evasorum, Et de Laurencio Alisaundre nuper uno Ballivorum Villæ de Andevere Cs versus ipsum recuperati pro evasione Matildæ uxoris Johannis

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Arnewe de Kymeton in Comitatu Suhamtoniæ captæ pro suspicionem feloniam, custodiæ prædicti Laurentii commissæ, & ab eadem evasæ, Et de Ricardo Wyredrawer de Andevere Sergeant & Laurentio Alisaundre de parochia de Andevere in Comitatu Suhamtoniæ yoman xl, versus ipsos recuperatæ pro evasione Johannis Silke de Swafeld in Comitatu Surreiæ Capellani & Johannis Taillour de Swafeld prædict[a] Taillour, captorum pro suspicionem feloniam cum manuopere, custodiæ prædictorum Ricardi Wyredrawer & Laurentii Alisaundre commissorum, & ob defectum bonæ custodiæ ab eadem evasorum. Per quod Homines Villæ prædictæ districti fuerunt essendi hic ad plures dies præteritos, & tandem in Octabis sancti Hillarii hoc termino, ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Regi ob insufficientiam prædictorum Ricardi Wyredrawer & Laurentii Alisaundre de summis prædictis.

Et ad prædictas octabas sancti Hillarii, prædicti Homines Villæ de Andevere venerunt hic per Johannem Aglyon Attornatum suum. Et dicunt quod ipsi de escapis prædictis

CHAP. XXIV. In the *Great-Roll* of the Twentyninth year of K Henry VI, Hugh Wi- S E C T.
X. *thiford* Mayour of *Bristol* and the Community of the same Town and their Suc- XXIV.
cessours stood Charged to the King with Cii l xvs vid per annum, for the Town

of *Bristol* with the Suburbs therēof, and with the Gates Ditches and Walls of the same Town and Suburbs, and the Flesh-Shambles there &c, Demised to them and their successors for xx years then next following, Yielding to the King and his heirs yearly Cii l xvs vid. In *Michaelmas-term* in the thirtyfirst year of K Henry VI, *John Burton* late Mayour of *Bristol* and the Community of the same Town, Fermers of the said Town with the Suburbs Gates &c, appeared in the Exchequer and Prayed to be Allowed the Money so charged on them, for that the said

dictis seu de aliquo eorundem Domino Regi respondere neque satisfacere debent, quia dicunt quod Dominus H nuper Rex Angliæ filius Johannis nuper Regis Angliæ, & omnes progenitores sui Reges Angliæ, seisciti fuerunt de Manerio & villa de Andevere cum hundredo forinceco cum pertinentiis, & quæ quidem Manerium Villa & Hundredum sunt & faciunt, & semper fuerunt & fecerunt Manerium de Andevere cum pertinentiis, quod quidem Manerium est antiquum dominicum, & omnia tenementa in manibus tenencium infra Manerium prædictum existencia placabilia sunt & semper fuerunt per Parvum breve de Recto, Ballivis dicti nuper Regis H & progenitorum suorum directum, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit. Et dicunt quod a toto tempore prædicto, in eodem Manerio talis consuetudo habetur & habebatur, usitata & approbata temporibus prædictis nuper H & omnium progenitorum suorum quondam Regum Angliæ, quod ad Curiam suam tentam in Manerio prædicto die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli annuatim, usitatum fuit quod tenentes Manerii prædicti qui pro tempore fuerunt, deberent eligere duos Ballivos de se ipsis, pro anno integro tunc proximo ibidem servituros, & Officium Ballivorum in dicto Manerio pro anno illo occupare & debite exercere; qui quidem Ballivi sic electi debent facere omnes arestationes tam felonum pro quacumque feloniam, quam pro suspicionem feloniam captorum, quam omnes alias arestationes ibidem eodem anno faciendas facere; Et qui quidem Ballivi sic electi de evasionibus & escapiis contingentibus, & pro finibus eorum de arestatis pro feloniam vel pro suspicionem feloniam quando capti fuerint, videlicet quando aliquis vel aliqui eorum sic arestatorum extra eorum custodiam evaserint seu evaserint, iidem Ballivi pro se & servientibus suis de escapiis illis Domino Regi tantomodo respondere & satisfacere deberent, & a toto tempore prædicto debuerunt, si iidem Ballivi sufficientes fuerint, & nulli alii homines Villæ prædictæ aliquammodo Domino Regi de escapiis prædictis satisfacere nec respondere tenentur, nisi solummodo pro insufficiencia Ballivorum prædictorum Villæ prædictæ pro tempore existentium. Et dicunt quod prædictus nuper Rex H per Literas suas patentes hic in Scaccario irrotulatas, quarum data est apud Westm. xv die Februarii anno regni sui xii^o, concessit dicta Manerium Villam ac hundredum cum suis pertinentiis, per no-

men Manerii sui de Andevere cum Hundredo forinceco cum pertinentiis, tunc Hominibus suis de Andevere, Habenda sibi & hæredibus suis, tenenda de ipso nuper Rege H & hæredibus suis ad feodi firmam, Reddendo inde annuatim ad Scaccarium ipsius nuper Regis H, per manus suas quatuor viginti libras blancorum de antiqua firma, & viginti libras numero de incremento, ad duos terminos scilicet ad Scaccarium Paschæ quadraginta libras blancorum & decem libras numero, & ad Scaccarium sancti Michaelis quadraginta libras blancorum & decem libras numero. Virtute quarum Literarum patencium, prædicti Homines prædictæ Villæ de Andevere de prædicto Manerio cum suis pertinentiis fuerunt seisciti in Dominico suo ut de feodo in forma prædicta. Quorum quidem statum tunc Hominum prædictæ Villæ de Andevere nunc Homines prædictæ Villæ de Andevere modo habent. Et dicunt quod ad Curiam Hominum Villæ prædictæ, tentam infra prædictum Manerium de Andevere, die Dominica proximo ante festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Domini Regis nunc secundo, dictus Laurentius in dicto brevi specificatus & Johannes Bray electi fuerunt Ballivi Villæ prædictæ de Andevere pro uno anno integro tunc proximo sequente; infra quem quidem annum tam prædicti Philippus Isabella Johannes Silke & Johannes Taillour, quam dicta Matilda uxor Johannis Arnowe in dictis brevibus Regis specificati, extra custodiam dicti Laurentii evaserunt. Et dicunt quod iidem Johannes Bray & Laurentius sufficientes sunt in terris bonis & catallis suis, in dicta Villa de Andevere & alibi in Comitatu Suhamtoniæ & Berk[esire], ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Domino Regi de escapiis prædictis. Absque hoc quod prædicti Homines de Andevere elegerunt fecerunt aut constituerunt præfatum Ricardum Wyredrawer aliquem Ballivum aut servientem Villæ prædictæ. Quæ omnia & singula iidem nunc Homines prædictæ Villæ de Andevere parati sunt verificare prout Curia consideraverit &c. Unde non intendunt quod Dominus Rex nunc eos pro summis prædictis impetere seu occasionare velit. Et petunt iudicium &c. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Hominibus usque a die Paschæ in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. *There are some more adjournments. No Judgment is entered. Hil. Communia 10 Hen. 6. Rot. 17.*

CHAP. said Town and premisses were Settled by the King upon Queen *Margaret*, and S E C T. X. that the said Mayor and Commonalty had paid the money charged on them to the use of the said Queen. The Court adjudgeth, That the said Mayor and Commonalty be Allowed the same in payment of their Ferme to the King, and that the said Queen do answer-over to the King, if the King willeth (d). XXV.

XXV. In the Seventh year of K *Edward IV*, the *Weavers* of *London* stood Charged in the *Great-Roll* with Three hundred and fourscore marks, for the Ferm of their *Gild* and the areres thereof for several years past. Upon this Charge a Writ of *Fieri* or *levari facias* was awarded to the Sherifs of *London* and *Middlesex* to levy the said Debt on the lands and chatells of the said *Weavers*. The Sherifs returned, that by vertue of this Writ they had taken divers goods and chatells of the said *Weavers* to the value of Forty pounds, which goods and chatells remained in the custody of the said Sherifs for want of Buyers; and that the said *Weavers* had no other goods or chatells lands or tenements in their bailywick on which the residue of the said summ of Three hundred and fourscore marks might be raised or levied. Hereupon, *John Devell* appeareth in the Court of Exchequer, and having prayed oyer of the said Writ and the Return of it he Pleadeth, That he is one of the *Weavers* of *London* mentioned in the said Writ; and that his chatells, to wit, six pieces of Wollen cloth of xxl value were wrongfully taken by vertue of the said Writ by *Humfrey Hayford* and *Thomas Stalbroke* late Sherifs of *London*, and do still remain in their custody: For that (he saith) K *Edward III* Progenitour of the present King *Edward IV* was seised of the said yearly Ferm of xx marks in his Demeane as in Fee in right of his Crown; And being so seised did by his Patent Letter dated the eighth day of *June* in the 27th year of his reign give and grant the same to the Abbot and Monks of *Graces London* and their successours in Frankalmoigne; That by vertue of the said Grant the said Abbot and Monks were seised of the said Annual xx marks in their demeane as in fee, in right of their said Church of *St Marie des Graces*, and that the said Abbot and Monks and all their successours ever-since have been successively seised thereof by force of the said Grant; That the said late Abbot and Monks and all their Successours have been successively paid and contented the said Annual Twenty marks by the hands of the *Weavers* of *London* for the time being ever since the time of the said Grant hitherto, to wit yearly on the feast of *St Michael*, at *London* in the parish of *All-Saints Berkyng* in the Ward of *Tourestrete*; And that at the time of the said Grant all the arrerages of the said Annual Twenty marks were paid to the said K *Edward III*, by the hands of the respective Sherifs of *London*, as appeareth in the *Great-Roll* of the Thirtyseventh year of the same King in *London-Middlesex*. All which matters the said *John Devell* is ready to prove.

Wherefore

(d) Villa Bristoll[ia]. Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno xxix^o Regis nunc in Bristoll[ia], quod exiguntur ibidem de Hugone Withiford Majore Villæ Bristoll[ia] & Communitate ejusdem Villæ & Successoribus suis, Cii l xvs vid per annum, pro Villa Bristoll[ia] cum suburbiis ejusdem, & cum portis fossis & muris eorundem Villæ & Suburb[iorum], necnon omnibus illis terris & tenementis redditibus & servitiis & les Fleshamells, quæ Johanna nuper Regina Angliæ tenuit ad terminum vitæ suæ in eadem villa, & cum omnibus aliis diversis rebus & parcell[is] in Rotulo xviii^o specificatis, Habend[is] & tenend[is] sibi & Successoribus suis, a festo S Michaelis Archangeli anno xvii^o, usque ad finem xx annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie completorum, Reddendo inde annuatim Regi & hæredibus suis ad Scaccarium suum, Cii l xvs vid, ad festa Paschæ & S Michaelis Archangeli per æquales portiones.

Et modo in crastino S Michaelis hoc termino, Johannes Burton nuper Major villæ Bristoll[ia] & Communitas ejusdem villæ, Fir-

marii villæ Bristoll[ia] cum suburbiis ejusdem & cum portis fossis & muris eorundem villæ & suburb[iorum], necnon omnibus illis terris & tenementis redditibus & servitiis & les Fleshamells, quæ Johanna nuper Regina Angliæ tenuit ad terminum vitæ suæ in eadem villa, & cum omnibus aliis diversis rebus & parcell[is] in dicto Rotulo xviii^o specificatis, venerunt hic per Henricum Weston attornatum suum, & petunt allocationem de xxil xlii s id ob., per ipsos solutis Margaretæ Reginæ Angliæ, de illis Cii l xvs vid per annum de Hugone Withiford & Communitate ejusdem villæ & Successoribus suis exactis, eo quod — viz. in regard the same was settled, inter alia, upon Q Margaret, and the Mayor and Commonalty had paid the rest to her Receiver; whose Acquittance they produce and set-forth verbatim. The Judgment of the Court is, that the Mayor and Commonalty be allowed the same upon payment of their Ferm; — in solutione firmæ suæ prædictæ allocentur, prætextu præmissorum; & quod præfata Regina Regi inde respondeat si &c. Mich. Communia 31 Hen. 6. Rot. 20.

CHAP. Wherefore he conceiveth that he ought not to be Charged to the King with the S E C T.

X. *faid Annual Twenty marks, or the arreres thereof incurred since the time of the* XXV. *faid Grant, or be distrained or disquieted in his goods or chatells for the same. He prayeth Judgment, and that his goods and chatells seised in form aforesaid may be restored to him. To this Plea Henry Sotebill the Kings Attorney demurreth in law; And prayeth Judgment for the King, and Execution upon the said seised goods and chatells, and that a Writ De venditioni exponendo may issue to empower the Sherifs of London to Sell the said seised goods and chatells. John Devell joineth in the Demurrer (e).*

In

(e) Londonia Middelfexia. Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno septimo Regis nunc in London[ia] Midd[elfexia], quod exiguntur ibidem de Telariis Londoniæ xx marcæ per annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere solebant xii l, Et CCCLx marcæ de annis præteritis. Summa, CCC quater xx marcæ. Super quo præceptum fuit Vicecomitibus London[ia] & Midd[elfexia], per breve Regis hujus Scaccarii, datum primo die Julii ultimo præterito, quod non omitterent &c, quin eam &c, & quod de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis prædictorum Telariorum Londoniæ in balliva sua fieri facerent CCC quater xx marcas prædictas, quas Regi debent de prædicta firma xx marcarum per annum pro Gilda sua, Ita quod denarios illos haberent ad Scaccarium hic in Octabis S Michaelis hoc termino, Regi tunc ibidem solvandos. Proviso quod si quis vel qui tallias vel acquietantias de soluto præfatis Vicecomitibus in hac parte ostenderent vel ostenderet, aut aliquid de summa prædicta prætextu Summonitionum Pipæ de dicto Scaccario ad opus Regis leverint, tunc levationi denariorum in talliis vel acquietantiis illis content[orum], Ac denar[iorum] per ipsos Vicecomites de summa prædicta prætextu Summonitionum prædictarum levat[orum] superfederent; Et quod interim præfigerent eis vel ei quis vel qui tallias vel acquietancias illas ostenderent vel ostenderet, diem essendi coram præfatis Baronibus hic ad diem & locum prædictos, ad ibidem recipiendum super tallias & acquietancias illas quod justitia suaderet. Ad quem diem dicti Vicecomites, videlicet Symon Smyth & Willelmus Heryot retornaverunt breve prædictum, Et mandarunt quod virtute ejusdem brevis ceperunt diversa bona & catalla Telariorum prædictorum ad valentiam xl l, quæ quidem bona & catalla remanent in custodia eorundem Vicecomitum adtunc inventa pro defectu emptorum. Et ulterius certificaverunt, quod non fuerunt alia plura bona seu catalla terræ neque tenementa Telariorum prædictorum in balliva sua, unde residuum Summæ CCC quater xx marcarum prædictæ adtunc fieri seu levare potuer[at]; prout in returno prædicto plenius continetur.

Et ad prædictas octabas S Michaelis hoc termino, venit hic in Curia quidam Johannes Devell de Londonia per Johannem Wodman attornatum suum. Et petit auditum brevis prædicti & returni ejusdem; Quæ ei leguntur &c. Quibus auditis & intellectis, idem

Johannes dicit quod ipse est unus Telariorum Londoniæ in brevi prædicto specificatorum. Et queritur bona & catalla sua, videlicet sex pecias panni lanei ad valentiam viginti librarum, per Humfridum Hayford & Thomam Stalbroke nuper Vicecomites Londoniæ in dorso brevis prædicti nominatos prætextu ejusdem brevis fore capta & in eorum custodia adhuc remanere, ipsumque Johannem ea occasione indebite inquietari & vexari, & hoc minus juste, Quia dicit quod Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ tertius post Conquestum Progenitor Domini Regis nunc fuit seistus de prædicta firma viginti marcarum in brevi prædicto specificatarum in dominico suo ut de feodo, in juretunc Coronæ suæ Angliæ, & sic inde seistus per Literas suas Patentes datas octavo die Junii anno regni sui vicesimo septimo, dedit & concessit tunc Abbati Beatæ Mariæ de Graciis juxta Turrim Londoniæ eandem firmam viginti marcarum, per nomen viginti marcarum annui redditus quas Telarii Londoniæ pro firma Gildæ suæ tunc redderant eidem nuper Regi annuatim, Habend[um] & tenend[um] eidem tunc Abbati & Monachis & Successoribus suis, in liberam puram & perpetuam elimosinam, in augmentationem sustentationis suæ imperpetuum, de ipso nuper Rege & hæredibus suis, per manus Telariorum Londoniæ qui pro tempore forent, prout patet per breve dicti nuper Regis E tertii de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter Brevia directa Baronibus de termino S Michaelis anno regni sui xxxiiº, Rotulo xxixº. Virtute cujus concessionis iidem tunc Abbas & Monachi fuerunt seistiti de prædictis viginti marcis annuis in dominico suo ut de feodo, in jure Ecclesiæ suæ B Mariæ de Graciis prædictæ, per manus Telariorum Londoniæ pro tunc existentium, ipsique tunc Abbas & Monachi & omnes Successores sui a tempore concessionis prædictæ hucusque fuerunt successive seistiti de prædictis viginti marcis annuis, per manus Telariorum Londoniæ pro tempore existentium virtute concessionis prædictæ. Et ulterius idem Johannes dicit, quod iidem nuper Abbas & Monachi & omnes successores sui fuerunt successive soluti & contati de prædictis viginti marcis annuis per manus Telariorum Londoniæ pro tempore existentium, continue a tempore concessionis prædictæ factæ hucusque, videlicet quolibet anno in festo S Michaelis Archangeli, apud Londoniam in parochia omnium Sanctorum Berkyng in Warda de Tourestrete,

CHAP. In this Pleading it seemeth to be taken for granted on all hands, that Particular members of the Gild of *Weavers* were liable to pay the Kings Ferme. The XXVI.

X. Sherifs of *London* took it for granted. Upon the Writ of *Fieri facias* they readily went and seised the Goods of *John Devell* a Particular member. *John Devell* himself took it for admitted that his Goods were liable. For he says nothing to exempt himself in that respect; but Pleads Payment, namely that the Ferme was fully paid and satisfied, partly to the King and partly to the Abbot and Monks of *Graces*, to whom the King (to wit *Edward III*) had granted it in Frankalmoigne. And lastly, the Kings Attorney took it for admitted that *John Devells* Goods were liable. For he in Pleading maintains the Seifure, and Prays to have Execution for the King upon *Devells* Goods, and that they may be Sold as Goods duly Seised.

XXVI. In the Seventh year of K *Edward IV*, the *Weavers* of *London* stood Charged in the *Great-Roll* with Three hundred and fourscore marks, for the Ferm of their *Gild*, and the arrerages thereof for fundry past years. A Writ of *Fieri facias* issued to the Sherifs of *London* to levy the same for the Kings use. Upon this Writ *Simon Smyth* and *William Heryot* Sherifs returned, that they had seised divers goods and chatells of the said *Weavers* to the value of xl*l*, which remained in their hands unfold for want of Buyers; and that there were not any other or more goods and chatells lands or tenements of the said *Weavers* in their bailiwick, on which the residue of the said Three hundred and fourscore marks might be levied. At the Return-day of the Writ, *Guy de Asshewilder* *John Gysell* *Henry Clerk* and *Lambert Cromme* appear in the Exchequer, and Plead, That they are *Weavers* of *London*; That their goods and chatells, to wit, Six pieces of Linen cloth of xx*l* value, were taken by the Sherifs of *London*, by pretext of the said Writ unjustly, For that in the Parliament of the Eleventh year of K *Edward III*, it was ordained and accorded, that all Foreigners Workers of Cloth of what Countrey or Place soever they were, who were willing to come into *England* *Ireland* and *Wales*, and there to abide, might safely and securely come into the said Kingdoms and Dominions, and abide where they would therein, and that the King would grant them such Liberties as should be sufficient for them; That the said K *Edward III* made to the said Foreigners Workers of Cloth a Patent Letter dated the Eighth day of *February* in the Eleventh year of his reign; That the said Patent Letter reciteth the said Ordinance and Concord, and that the said Workers of Cloth exhibited a Petition to the King and his Council in the same Parliament, and therein did set-forth that they were very much hindred and molested in the exercise of their Craft by the Kings *English* subjects in *London* and in other Cities and places of *England*, And beseeched the King to provide for the immunity of the said Workmen, and to protect them according to the form of the said Ordinance, so that they might with more advantage and quiet exercise their said employment, That thereupon the King, Willing the said Ordinance and Grant to be inviolably observed, did with the assent of the Prelates Earls Barons and other Great

& quod tempore dictæ concessionis omnia arreragia de dictis viginti marcis annuis prædicto E nuper Regi soluta fuerunt per manus tunc Vicecomitum Londoniæ, prout patet in Magno Rotulo de anno xxxviiº ejusdem nuper Regis in Londonia Middelfexia. Quæ omnia & singula idem Johannes Devell paratus est verificare. Unde non intendit quod ipse de prædictis viginti marcis annuis, vel arreragiis eorundem post concessionem prædictam incurfis, erga Dominum Regem onerari, aut proinde in aliquibus bonis sive catalis suis inquietari vel vexari debet &c. Et petit Judicium, & quod bona & catalla sua prædicta in forma prædicta capta sibi restituantur &c.

Et Henricus Sotehill qui pro Domino Rege sequitur in hac parte, protestando quod non cognoscit aliqua in placito prædicto alle-

gata fore vera, pro eodem Domino Rege dicit, quod idem Dominus Rex ad placitum prædictum modo & forma prædictis placitatum necesse non habet per legem terræ respondere. Unde petit judicium pro eodem Domino Rege, & executionem bonorum & catallorum prædictorum, Et quod breve Vicecomitibus Londoniæ de venditioni exponendo eadem bona & catalla pro eodem domino Rege dirigatur &c.

Et prædictus Johannes Devell dicit ex quo ipse sufficientem materiam in exonerationem suam de firma & arreragiis prædictis superius placitando allegavit, ad quam materiam prædictus Henricus Sotehill sufficienter in lege non respondit, petit judicium ut prius &c. No Judgment is entred here upon the Roll. Mich. Communia 8 Edw. 4. Rot. 12.

C H A P. Great men assembled in his said Parliament, grant for himself and his heirs (a-S E C T. X. mongst other things) to all and singular the said Foreigners Workers of Cloth, XXVI. of what Countrey soever they were, who at That time were resident in *England* or his other Dominions, or who would afterwards come and reside and exercise their Craft There, and would behave themselves well and faithfully to the King, and would not adhere to his enemies, that they might safely reside in the said Kingdom and Dominions, and freely use their Craft, And that they or any of them should not in any wise be compelled to be of the *Gild* of *Weavers* of *London*, or of any other *Weavers* or Workers of Cloth being Natives of the said Kingdoms or Dominions, or to pay any summs of money by reason of such *Gild* of Natives, by pretext of any Charters or Grants formerly made, as in the said Patent Letter is more fully contained; And that the present King *Edward IV* by his Patent Letter dated the Tenth day of *December* in the First year of his reign (which the said *Guy John Henry* and *Lambert* do now produce in Court) did for him and his heirs accept ratify and confirm the said Ordinances and Patent Letter of *K Edward III*. They further say, That they are and at the time of seizing the said goods and chatells were Foreign Weavers and Workers of Cloth, born in Foreign Parts, to wit, the said *Guy* in *Akon* which is under the Obedience of the Emperour of *Germany*, and the said *John Henry* and *Lambert* in *Andwerppe*, which is under the Obedience of the Duke of *Burgundy*; That they came into *England* long after the making of the said Ordinance and Grant; and at the time of the said Seisfure did reside and still do reside in *London*, and Then did and still do use their said employment There; and do and always did behave themselves well and loyally towards the King, and do not nor ever did adhere to the Kings enemies. They further say, that the said *Gild* of *Weavers* mentioned in the aforesaid Writ is now, and at the time of the said Ordinance and Grant and long before, was a *Gild* of *Weavers* of *London* Natives; And that they the said *Guy John Henry* and *Lambert* are not and never were of That *Gild*; And that they are ready to prove all their allegations abovementioned. Wherefore they conceive the King will not Charge them or either of them with the Ferm of the said *Gild*, or any arreres thereof. They Pray the Judgment of the Court, and that they and every one of them may be Discharged of the said Ferm and Arreres, and that their goods and chatells seised as aforesaid may be restored to them. To this Plea *Henry Sotehill* the Kings Attorney demurreth in law; and Prayeth Judgment for the King, and Execution on the said seised goods and chatells, and a Writ *De venditioni exponendo* to Sell the said goods for the Kings use. *Guy John Henry* and *Lambert* join in Demurrer (f). This Plea of *Guy Affbewilder*

(f) Londonia. Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno Septimo Regis nunc in Londonia & Middelfexia, quod exiguntur ibidem de Telariis London[iæ] xx^{ti} marcæ per annum pro Gilda sua, pro qua reddere solebant xii^l, Et CCCLx marcæ de annis præteritis. Summa, CCC quater xx marcæ. Super quo præceptum fuit Vic[ecomitibus] London[iæ] & Midd[elfexiæ] per breve Regis hujus Scaccarii, datum primo die Julii ultimo præterito, quod non omitterent &c quin eam &c, & quod de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis eorundem Telariorum Londoniæ in Balliva sua fieri facerent CCC quater xx marcas, quas Regi debent de quadam firma xx^{ti} marcarum per annum pro Gilda sua, Ita quod denarios illos haberent ad Scaccarium hic in Octabis S Michaelis hoc termino, Regi tunc ibidem solvendo. Provisio quod si quis vel qui tallias vel acquietantias de solutione præfatis Vicecomitibus in hac parte ostenderent vel ostenderet aut aliquid de summa prædicta prætextu Summonitionis Pipæ de dicto Scaccario ad opus Regis levaverint, tunc levationi denario-

rum in talliis vel acquietantiis illis content[orum] ac denariorum per ipsos Vicecomites de summa prædicta prætextu Sum[monitionis] prædictæ levatorum superfederent; Et quod interim præfigerent eis vel ei quis vel qui tallias vel acquietancias illas ostenderent vel ostenderet [diem] essendi coram præfatis Baronibus hic ad diem & locum prædictos, ad ibidem recipiendum super tallias vel acquietancias illas quod justitia suaderet. Ad quem diem dicti Vicecomites, videlicet Symon Smyth & Willelmus Heryot retornaverunt breve prædictum, & mandarunt quod virtute brevis prædicti ceperunt diversa bona & catalla Telariorum prædictorum ad valenciam xl^l; quæ quidem bona & catalla remanebant in custodia eorundem Vicecomitum invendita pro defectu emptorum. Et ulterius certificaverunt, quod non sunt alia plura bona seu catalla terræ neque tenementa Telariorum prædictorum in balliva sua, unde residuum summæ CCC quater xx marcarum prædictarum adtunc fieri seu levare potuit, prout in retorno prædicto plenius continetur.

Et

CHAP. *Affbewilder* and the others standeth upon these Four points, namely, That they S E C T.
X. are *Weavers* of *London*: That they came into *England* under the encouragement XXVI.
and

Et ad prædictas octabas S Michaelis hoc termino venerunt hic Guido de Affbewilder Johannes Gysell Henricus Clerk & Lambertus Crome per Johannem Cook eorum attornatum. Et dicunt quod ipsi sunt Telarii Londoniæ, & queruntur diversa bona & catalla sua videlicet sex pecias panni linei ad valenciam viginti librarum per prædictos Humfridum Hayford & Thomam Stalbroke nuper Vicecomites Londoniæ] prætextu brevis prædicti capta fore & seista, & hoc minus iuste, Quia dicunt, quod in Parlamento Domini E tertii nuper Regis Angliæ apud Westm[onasterium] anno regni sui Angliæ undecimo tento, inter cætera ordinatum fuit & concordatum, quod omnes operarii pannorum de partibus extraneis de quacumque terra seu loco fuerint, qui infra dictum regnum suum Angliæ seu terras Hiberniæ & Walliæ venire & ibidem morari vellent, ad eadem regnum & terras salvo & secure sub protectione & salvo conductu suis venirent, & ubi in dicto regno & Terris vellent morarentur; quodque ipse Dominus Rex eisdem operariis, ut libentius ibidem venirent, tot & tales libertates quot eis sufficerent concederet. Et iidem Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus dicunt, quod prædictus Dominus Edwardus tertius nuper Rex Angliæ per Literas suas Patentes quarum data est octavo die Februarii anno regni sui Angliæ vicesimo sexto, regni vero sui Franciæ tertiodecimo, quas iidem Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus hic in Curia proferunt, recitando ordinationem & concordiam prædictam], ac qualiter ex parte huiusmodi operariorum per petitionem suam coram ipso Domino Rege & Consilio suo in eodem Parlamento suo exhibitam, sibi fuisset supplicatum, ut cum ipsi super exercitio misteriarum suarum tam in Civitate Londoniæ] quam quibusdam aliis Civitatibus & locis dicti regni sui Angliæ per quosdam subditos suos de eodem regno impediti fuissent & multipliciter inquietati, voluisset ipsorum operariorum immunitati in hac parte providere, & ut ipsi misteram suam melius & tranquillius exercere possent, eos juxta formam ordinationis & concordie prædictarum protegi facere & tueri, idem Dominus Rex ordinationem & concessionem prædictas pro communi utilitate regni & terræ prædictæ volens inviolabiliter observari, de assensu Prælatorum Comitum & Baronum ac aliorum Magnatum in eodem Parlamento suo existentium concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, inter alia, omnibus & singulis operariis huiusmodi pannorum de dictis partibus extraneis de quacumque terra fuissent, qui in dicto regno suo Angliæ seu terris suis prædictis tunc extiterunt, vel ad eadem Regnum & terras extunc venire & in eisdem morari & misteram suam exercere vellent, & bene & fideliter erga ipsum Regem se gererent, ac inimicis ejusdem non adhærent, quod ipsi salvo & secure sub pro-

tectione sua in eisdem regno & terris morari, & misteram suam libere possent exercere, Absque eo quod ipsi aut eorum aliquis de essendo de Gilda Telariorum Londoniæ seu aliorum Telariorum vel operariorum pannorum indigenarum infra regnum & terras prædictas, contra voluntatem suam, aliquammodo arcerentur vel quoquo modo compellerentur, seu ad aliquas pecuniarum summas ratione Gildæ huiusmodi infra regnum & terras prædictas, prætextu Cartarum seu privilegiorum aliquibus personis prius concessarum,olvere tenerentur; prout in eisdem Literis plenius continetur. Quas quidem ordinationem & concessionem Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas Patentes quarum data est decimo die Decembris anno regni sui primo, quas prædicti Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus hic in Curia proferunt, ratas habens & gratas, eas pro se & hæredibus suis, quantum in se est, acceptavit approbavit ratificavit & tenore Literarum illarum confirmavit. Et prædicti Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus dicunt, quod ipsi sunt, & tempore captionis bonorum & catallorum prædictorum fuerunt Telarii & operarii pannorum extranei, nati in partibus extraneis, videlicet idem Guido in Akon quæ est sub obedientia Imperatoris Almanniæ, & prædicti Johannes Henricus & Lambertus in Andewerppe quæ est sub obedientia Ducis Burdegundiæ. Et quod ipsi veniebant in dictum regnum Angliæ diu post ordinationem & concessionem prædictas, & dicto tempore captionis prædictæ morabantur & morantur in Londonia, & misteram suam ibidem exerciunt, & tempore ejusdem captionis exercuerunt, & bene & fideliter erga Dominum Regem nunc se gerunt, ac omnino se gerebant, ac inimicis ejusdem Domini Regis non adhærent nec adhæserunt nec aliquis eorum adhæsit. Et iidem Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus dicunt, quod prædicta Gilda Telariorum unde in prædicto brevi fit mencio, est & tempore ordinationis & concessionis prædictarum & diu antea fuit una Gilda Telariorum Londoniæ indigenarum. Et quod ipsi Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus non sunt nec umquam fuerunt de Gilda illa. Quæ omnia & singula prædicti Guido Johannes Henricus & Lambertus parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c. Unde non intendunt quod Dominus Rex eos aut eorum aliquem pro aliqua firma Gildæ prædictæ, aut pro aliquibus arreragiis ejusdem, in aliquo impetere velit. Et petunt iudicium, & quod ipsi de firma & arreragiis prædictis & de qualibet inde parcella erga dictum Dominum Regem exonerentur & quilibet eorum exonetur, & quod ipsi ad bona & catalla sua prædicta ut dictum est capta eis restituantur &c. Et Henricus Sotehill qui pro Domino Rege sequitur in hac parte, protestando quod non cognoscit aliqua in placito prædicto allegata fore

CH A P. and protection of the Ordinance and Patent-Letter made by K *Edward* III in the S E C T.
 X. Eleventh year of his reign; which were confirmed by the Patent-Letter of K *Ed-* XXVII.
ward IV: That they are *Foreigners*, born out of the Kings Ligeance, and that
 the *Weavers* of the *London-gild* are *Natives* of *England*: And lastly, that they
 the said *Guy* and others are not and never were of the said *Gild*. Or, if you please,
 draw this Plea into a narrower compass. Say, that it resteth on these Two
 points; The one, That they the Pleaders are *Weavers* of *London*, The other,
 That they are not members of the *London-gild*. Then let their Plea be duly
 weighed. Now it seemeth, that in regard they do confess that they are *Wea-*
vers of *London*, it is in vain for them to say, They were not of the *London-*
gild. In all likelyhood the Sherifs of *London* named above in the Pleadings knew
 the said *Guy* and others to be *Foreigners*. But inasmuch as they exercised the
 Trade of *Weavery* in *London*, whether they were of the *Gild* or not of the *Gild*,
 the Sherifs looked on them to be lyable to pay towards the Ferme due to the
 King from the *Gild*, and accordingly Did execution upon their Goods. And
 moreover, the Kings Attorney at Law took it for granted, that they the said *Guy*
 and others were lyable to pay towards the said Ferme; For he Demurreth to
 their Plea of Exemption, and Prayeth on the Kings behalf that the Execution
 Done upon their Goods may be maintained. What then followeth from this case.
 It followeth, That if these *Foreigners* who were not of the *London-gild* were ly-
 able to pay towards the Kings Ferme, because they used the *Weavers* Trade in
London, by stronger reason the particular members of the *Gild* were lyable.

XXVII. In the Eighth year of K *Edward* IV, the Sherifs of the City of *Co-*
ventry were commanded by Writ of the Exchequer to levy on the goods and
 lands of the Mayour Men and Bailifs (*Majoris Hominum ac Ballivorum*) of *Co-*
ventry Tenants of the Manour of *Cheylesmore*, DCCC l, which they owed to the
 King for the Ferm of their Town for the Sixth year of K *Edward* IV and for
 former arrerages. The Sherifs returned, That by vertue of this Writ they took
 of the goods of the said Mayour and Men of the said Town (*Majoris ac Homi-*
num villæ prædictæ) Cvis, which remained in their (the Sherifs) hands for
 want of Buyers; and that the said Mayour and Men of *Coventry* had no more
 goods or lands within their bailiwick that could be taken into the Kings hands.
 The Court adjudgeth, That the said Sherifs according to their said Return be
 Charged to the King with the said Cvis, in part-payment of the said Debt (g).

XXVIII. Th^e

fore vera, pro eodem Domino Rege dicit
 quod idem Dominus Rex ad placitum prædi-
 ctum modo & forma prædictis placitatum ne-
 cesse non habet per legem terræ respondere.
 Unde petit iudicium pro eodem Domino Re-
 ge, & executionem bonorum & catallorum
 prædictorum, & quod breve Vicecomitibus
 Londoniæ de Venditioni exponendo eadem
 bona & catalla pro eodem Domino Rege diri-
 gatur &c. Et prædicti Guido Johannes Hen-
 ricus & Lambertus dicunt, ex quo ipsi suffi-
 cientem materiam in exonerationem suam de
 firma & arreragiis prædictis superius placitan-
 do allegarunt, Ad quam quidem materiam
 prædictus Henricus Sotehill sufficienter in le-
 ge non respondit, petunt iudicium ut prius &c.
 [There is nothing more in this Roll]. Mich. Com-
 munia 8 Edw. 4. Rot. 11.

(g) Villa Coventriæ. Memorandum quod
 præceptum fuit Vicecomitibus Civitatis Co-
 ventriæ per breve Regis hujus Scaccarii, da-
 tum sexto die Julii ultimo præterito, quod
 non omitterent propter libertatem &c quin
 eam &c, & de bonis & catallis terris & te-

nementis Majoris Hominum ac Ballivorum
 villæ prædictæ, tenentium Manerii de Chey-
 lesmore, in balliva vestra fieri facerent
 DCCC l, quas Regi debent de quadam fir-
 ma L l per annum, de firma villæ prædictæ
 de anno sexto dicti Domini Regis nunc, &
 ejus arreragiis, Ita quod denarios illos habe-
 rent ad Scaccarium hic in Craftino S Michael-
 lis hoc termino, Regi tunc ibidem solvend[os].
 Præceptum fuit etiam eisdem Vicecomitibus
 per idem breve, quod non omitterent &c
 quin eam &c, & de bonis & catallis terris &
 tenementis Prioris & Conventus de Coven-
 tria in dicta balliva sua fieri facerent Dxxx l,
 quas Regi debent de quadam firma quater
 xx viii l vis viii d per annum, de redditu me-
 diet[at]is villæ prædictæ vocatæ Erlespark
 [legendum Erlespart], de dicto anno sexto, &
 ejus arreragiis, Ita quod denarios illos habe-
 rent ad diem & locum prædictos, Regi tunc
 ibidem solvend[os], sicut continetur in Mag-
 no Rotulo de anno sexto Regis nunc, in Ci-
 vitate Coventria. Ad quem diem Vicecomi-
 tes videlicet Johannes Stevens & Ricardus
 Colyns retorn[averunt] breve prædictum sibi
 K k k in

CHAP. XXVIII. The Merchants of *Almaine* or *Germany* residing in *England* were from S E C T. X. ancient time a Corporated Body. In the Eighth year of K *Edward IV*, *John Rogere* and *John Bleche* Collectors of the Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage in the Port of *London* were charged in their Accompt to the King with *xii l xix s vi d ob.*, for subsidies of divers goods and merchandises of *Cosma de Stralys* and *John Van A*, two of the Merchants of *Almaine* called *Hanze-merchants*. Upon That Charge, a writ of *Fieri facias* issued out of the Exchequer, commanding the Sherifs of *London* and *Middlesex* to levy the said *xii l xix s vi d ob.* of the goods and chatells lands and tenements of the Merchants of *Almaine* (to wit, of them who had the House in *London* commonly called the *Guiball* of the *Teutonicks* or *Germans*), which they owed to the King for the Subsidy of the merchandises of the said *Cosma de Stralys* and *John Van A* Merchants of *Almaine* called *Hanseatick*, and to have the same at *Westminster* in the Quinzime of *Easter*, to be then paid into the Kings Exchequer. At the said Return-day *Humfrey Hayford* and *Thomas Stalbroke* Sherifs returned the writ, and certified that by vertue thereof they had taken the goods and chatells of the said *Cosma* and *John* to the value of the said *xii l xix s vi d ob.*; which goods remained in their hands unfold for want of Buyers. Hereupon, *Cosma de Stralys* and *John Van A* appear in the Exchequer. They plead a Patent-Letter of Franchises granted by K *Edward IV* to the *Teutonick* Merchants. They averr, that they the said *Cosma* and *John* are Merchants of *Almaine*, and Two of those that had and now have the House in *London* called the *Guildehall* of the *Teutonicks*. Lastly, they Pray the Judgment of the Court, and that they and the said other Merchants of *Almaine*, to wit they who have the said House or *Guildehall* in *London*, may be discharged of the said *xii l xix s vi d ob.*, and that the goods of the said *Cosma* and *John Van A* levied as aforefaid may be restored to them (*b*). In this Case, Two Merchants, members

in præmissis directum, & mandaverunt quod virtute brevis prædicti ceperunt de bonis & catallis Majoris ac Hominum villæ prædictæ Cvis, quæ penes ipsos remanent invendita pro defectu emptorum; Et quod prædicti Major & Homines nulla habent plura bona nec catalla terras neque tenementa in balliva sua, quæ in manum dicti Domini Regis nunc capere possunt; Et nullam faciendo mentionem in retorno suo prædicto de fieri faciendo dictas Dxxx l de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis Prioris & Conventus de Coventria prædicta, prout per breve prædictum præfat[is] Vic[ecomitibus] præceptum fuit. Quo quidem retorno per Barones viso audito & intellecto, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est inter eosdem Barones, quod prædicti Johannes Stevons & Ricardus Colyns Vicecomites de Cvis quos ceperunt de bonis & catallis prædictorum Majoris ac Hominum villæ prædictæ, ut prædictum est, erga Regem onerentur, & Regi inde respondeant in deductionem debiti prædicti, prætextu returni sui prædicti; Et quod iidem Vicecomites amercientur pro omissione in retorno suo prædicto. Et afforantur per Barones ad iiii s iiii d. Mich. Communia 8 Edw. 4. Rot. 9. dorso.

(*b*) *Londonia Midd[elfexia]*. De *Cosma de Stralys* & *Johanne Van A* Mercatoribus de *Almania*, exonerandis de *xii l xix s vi d ob.*, prætextu Literarum Domini Regis eisdem Mercatoribus fact[arum].

Compertum est in Rotulo Compotorum, in Compoto videlicet *Johannis Rogere* & *Johannis Bleche* Collectorum subsidii tonagii &

pondagii in portu Civitatis *Londoniæ* & in singulis portubus & locis eidem portui adjacentibus, videlicet a xiiii die Decembris anno sexto usque festum sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, inter cætera, quod iidem *Johannes Rogere* & *Johannes Bleche* onerantur super compotum suum de *xii l xix s vi d ob.*, de subsidiis diversarum rerum & mercandiarum *Cosma de Stralys* & *Johannis Van A*, Mercatorum de *Almania* vocat[orum] *Hans[eaticorum]*, in portu prædicto custumat[arum], & ibidem tam adduct[arum] quam educt[arum] infra prædictum tempus hujus Compoti; quæ quidem res & mercandisæ ad CClix l xs xd æstimabantur juxta verum valorem eorundem, videlicet de qualibet libra xii d. Per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomitibus *Londoniæ* & *Middelfexiæ*, per breve datum quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito, quod non omitterent &c quin eam &c, & quod de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis Mercatorum de *Almania*, illorum videlicet qui habent Domum in Civitate *Londoniæ* quæ *Guibalda Teutonicorum* vulgariter nuncupatur, in Balliva sua fieri facerent *xii l xix s vi d ob.*, quos Regi debent de subsidiis diversarum rerum & mercandiarum prædictorum *Cosma de Stralys* & *Johannis Van A* mercatorum de *Almania* vocat[orum] *Hans[eaticorum]*, in portu Civitatis prædictæ custumat[arum] & ibidem educt[arum], videlicet inter xiiii^{um} diem Decembris anno regni Domini Regis nunc sexto, & festum sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, quæ quidem res & mercandisæ ad CClix l xs xd æstimabantur juxta verum valorem eorundem, videlicet de qualibet libra xii d. Ita &c in quindena

CHAP. bers of a Corporated Body, become indebted to the King. In order to recover S E C T.
X. That debt, a writ of *Fieri facias* issued against the Corporated Body. By vertue XXVIII.
of

quindena Paschæ hoc termino, Regi tunc solvendos; sicut continetur in petitionibus Johannis Roger & Johannis Bleche Collectorum subsidii tonagii & pondagii in portu Civitatis prædictæ, & in singulis portubus & locis eidem portui adjacentibus. Ad quem diem Vicecomites videlicet Humfridus Hayford & Thomas Stalbroke retornaverunt breve prædictum eis in præmissis directum, Et mandarunt quod virtute ejusdem brevis ceperunt bona & catalla prædictorum Cosma & Johannis Van A ad valenciam xii l xix s vi d ob. prædictorum, quæ penes ipsos ad tunc remanserunt invendita pro defectu emptorum.

Et modo in tribus septimanis Paschæ hoc termino venerunt hic prædicti Cosma de Stralys & Johannes Van A per Johannem Wentworth Attornatum suum, & queruntur prædicta bona & catalla sua per Humfridum Hayford & Thomam Stalbrok Vicecomites Londoniæ prætextu brevis prædicti capta fore & seiscita, & hoc minus iuste; quia dicunt, quod Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est quarto die Marcii anno regni sui sexto, irrotulatas in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii, videlicet inter Recorda de Termino Paschæ anno sexto Regis nunc, Rotulo secundo, ex parte alterius Rememoratoris, ex certis causis & considerationibus ipsum specialiter moventibus, de gratia sua speciali & ex certa scientia & mero motu suis concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, mercatoribus regni Almaniæ, illis videlicet qui tunc habuerunt domum in Civitate Londoniæ quæ Guildehallæ Teutonicorum vulgariter nuncupatur, quod ipsi continue a festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ quod esset in anno Domini Millesimo CCCCLxviº, per quinque annos ab eodem festo proximo & immediate computandos, per totum regnum ipsius Domini Regis Angliæ, necnon alia loca eidem Domino Regi subiecta, omnibus & singulis privilegiis libertatibus liberis consuetudinibus, quibus ipsi progenitorum ipsius Domini Regis quondam Regum Angliæ temporibus per eorum Cartas ibidem rationabiliter usi fuerunt & gavisi, libere & pacifice uti & gaudere possent, eaque haberent & libere exercerent, absque impedimento inquietatione molestatione seu perturbatione quacumque ipsius Domini Regis seu hæredum suorum, Officiariorumque & Ministrorum ipsius Domini Regis, aut ipsorum progenitorum quorumcunque, sub modo & conditione hujusmodi, quod ipsi videlicet Mercatores regni Almaniæ infra duos annos primos a dicto festo sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo & continue numerandos, certos procuratores nuncios seu Ambassiatores suos, pro parte & nomine totius Hansæ Teutonicæ mercatorum plene instructos, & sufficientem in ea parte potestatem habentes ad tractandum communicandum concordandum & finaliter concludendum cum ipso Domino Rege

seu cum Commissariis suis, omniaque & singula facienda & agenda quæ ad intercursum & exercitium commerciorum & mercandiarum, seu ad innovationem aut compositionem pacis fœderis & amicitiae perpetuæ, inter ipsum Dominum Regem & Mercatores prædictos necessaria forent seu quomodolibet opportuna, ad ipsum Dominum Regem in Regnum ipsius Domini Regis Angliæ prædicti mitterent, Ita quod si infra dictos duos primos annos quinque annorum supradictorum legationem seu Ambassiatam hujusmodi in forma prædicta ad ipsum Dominum Regem non misissent, extunc & in illum eventum ipse Dominus Rex voluit eandem concessionem & Literas suas prædictas per prædictos duos annos primos solummodo & non ultra durare. Et ulterius idem Dominus Rex, de gratia sua speciali ac scientia & mero motu consimilibus, per easdem Literas patentes concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, Mercatoribus regni Almaniæ supradictis, quod ipsi & eorum quilibet a prædicto festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, per tempus quo dicta concessio & prædictæ Literæ Domini Regis ut præmittitur durarent, quieti essent & exonerati erga ipsum dominum Regem & hæredes suos de omnibus & omnimodis subsidiis tunc concessis, & durante termino prædicto concedendis ipsi Domino Regi, tam pro personis ipsorum Mercatorum, quam pro omnibus bonis & mercandis suis in regnum ipsius Domini Regis Angliæ citra finem temporis præscripti ut præmittitur per quemcunque mercatorum prædictorum adducendis, & extra idem regnum ipsius domini Regis Angliæ educendis, debendis; Salvis ipsi Domino Regi & hæredibus suis antiquis suis prisus jurebus & consuetudinibus & custumis quibuscunque ipsi Domino Regi, absque præjudicio privilegiorum libertatum & consuetudinum prædictorum, qualitercunque debitis; Ita quod ipsi Mercatores prædicti aliquem qui de ipsorum numero non existit, nec ejus bona seu mercimonia in fraudem advocarent seu submitterent quoquomodo; Provisio semper si qui ex Mercatoribus prædictis, durante tempore dictæ concessionis dictarum Literarum ipsius Domini Regis, bellum forsan eidem Domino Regi seu subditis suis quovismodo intulissent, aut contra eundem Dominum Regem seu subditos suos mortales seu hostiles inimicitias exercuissent, seu aliquid per prædictam vim armatam aut hostili more injuste seu alias maliciose attemptassent, quominus reintegratio reformatio seu compositio concordiae amicitiae & pacis perpetuæ inter Regna & terras Domini Civitates Opida & loca Almaniæ & Angliæ, eorumque populos & incolas effectualiter procederetur & debitum sortiretur effectum, extunc ipsi beneficium ac commodum aliquod ex eadem concessione ipsius Domini Regis nullatenus consequerentur, neque

CH A P. of That writ, execution is Done upon the said Two Merchants. In the proceed- S E C T.
 X. ings, the said Two Merchants Pray, that they and the said Corporated Body may XXIX.
 be Discharged of the said debt, and that the Goods of the said Two Merchants
 may be restored to them.

Thus it appeareth, That Particular Men members of an incorporated Community were answerable to the King in their persons and chatells for a Debt due to Him from their Community. In what manner the Kings Debt in such case was wont to be assessed upon the Townsmen, will in some measure appear hereafter in this Essay (i). Of these presidents hitherto.

XXIX. A few Cases may be superadded, as followeth. In or about the Seventeenth year of K Edward II, the Townsmen of *Southampton pro Rege & seipsis* sued the Town of *Lymington* in an action of Trespass. The action was brought and carried-on thus. *Geoffrey Scurlag, William Culhout*, and eighteen others, Men of the Town of *Lymington* were attached to answer unto the King, and to the Mayor Bailifs and Other Men of the Community of the Town of *Southampton*, in a Plea of Trespass. Whereupon the said Mayor and Bailifs and the rest of the Men of the same Community for the King and for Themselves complained, That whereas they held the said Town of *Southampton* with the Port thereof extending from beyond *Hurst* to *Langstone*, of the King at Fee-ferm, for CCxxl yearly, payable at the Kings Exchequer. That for this Ferm they ought to have and receive certain Customs of all merchandises within the said bounds coming into or going out of the said Port, except the merchandises of certain Merchants of the Realm who by the Kings Charters are quitt of paying such Customs. That the said *Geoffrey, William*, and others the Defendants on Thursday next after the Nativity of St *Mary* in the Seventeenth year of the King now reigning, did unjustly take certain Customs of Salt corn barley and oats, due to the King from the Ship *le Johette* at *Lamyngton* within the said Port, to the amount of xls, And afterwards on Monday next after the feast of St *Giles* in the same Seventeenth year, they took the Kings Customs of Cloth, wax, and other wares, from another

neque ad eos eadem concessio sua extenderet ullo modo; nullo tamen per hoc aliis qui in ea parte minime culpabiles fuerunt præjudicio generando; prout in eisdem Literis patentibus plenius continetur. Et unde dicunt, quod alias tam per breve dicti Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directum, quod irrotulatur inter brevia directa Baronibus de termino sanctæ Trinitatis anno sexto Regis nunc, Rotulo xi^o, ex parte alterius Rememoratoris hic dilatum fuit cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba. *This Writ recites the said Patent Letter, and commands the Treasurer and Barons to Discharge the said Merchants accordingly.* Et prædicti Cosma & Johannes Van A dicunt, quod ipsi sunt & dicto quarto die Marcii dicto anno sexto & continue postea fuerunt Mercatores dicti regni Almaniae, & duo illorum videlicet qui dictam domum in Civitate Londoniæ quæ Guildehalla Teutonicorum vulgariter nuncupatur habent, & dicto iii^{to} die Marcii & semper postea habuerunt. Et ulterius dicunt, quod nec ipsi nec prædicti alii Mercatores, illi videlicet qui habent aut habuerunt prædictam domum in Civitate Londoniæ quæ Guildehalla Theutonicorum vulgariter nuncupatur, neque eorum aliquis aliquem qui de ipsorum numero non extitit aut non existit, nec ejus bona seu mercimonia ullo tempore advocarunt seu submiserunt, vel advocavit seu submisit quoquomodo. Nec prædicti Cosma & Johannes Van A, nec eorum

alter, nec dicti alii Mercatores nec eorum aliquis, dicto quarto die Marcii nec unquam antea seu postea, bellum aliquod prædicto Domino Regi aut subditis suis sive eorum alicui quovismodo intulerunt seu intulit, nec contra ipsum Dominum Regem neque subditos suos nec eorum aliquem mortales seu hostiles inimicitias exercuerunt sive exercuit, nec aliquid per prædictam vim armatam aut hostili more injuste nec alias maliciose attemptaverunt aut attemptavit quovismodo. Quæ omnia & singula prædicti Cosma & Johannes Van A parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c. Unde non intendunt quod Dominus Rex eos aut dictos alios Mercatores sive eorum aliquem pro dicta summa aut pro aliquo subsidio rerum & mercandiarum suarum in aliquo impetere velit. Et petunt judicium, & quod ipsi ac prædicti alii Mercatores de Almania, illi videlicet qui habent Domum in Civitate Londonia quæ Guildehalla Theutonicorum vulgariter nuncupatur, de prædictis xii^l xixs vi d obolo, & qualibet inde parcella, erga dictum Dominum Regem exonerentur, & ipsi Cosma & Johannes Van A ad bona & catalla sua prædicta ut prædictum est capta eis [here eis is written in the Roll, but is superfluous] restituantur &c. *Here follow divers Continuances to the Twelfth year of the King. No Judgment is entred upon the Roll. Pas. Communia 8 Edw. 4. Rot. 5.*

(i) Cap. 11. sect. 4 & 5.

CHAP. ther Ship called the *Portjoy*, at *Lementon* in the said Port, to the amount of Cs. S E C T.
 X. which Customes do pertain to the Ferm of the Town of *Southampton*. That XXIX.
 they still continue to receive the said Customes from day to day. By means whereof the said Townsmen of *Southampton* are disabled to pay their said Ferm to the King. That the said *Geoffrey, William*, and others the Defendants, on the said Monday in the said Seventeenth year at *Lementon* did beat and evil-treat *Walter de Depeden* the Kings Customer, who was also deputed by the Community of the Town of *Southampton*, to be their Attorney or Agent in the said Port of *Lementon*, which is within the aforesaid bounds, and would not suffer him to take and levy to the Kings use the Customes due to the King in the said Port; To the Kings prejudice, and in danger of his disherison, And to the damage of the said Townsmen of *Southampton*, D l.

The said *Geoffrey, William*, and others the Defendants appeared by their Attorney. They deny the wrong and trespass and all that is against the Kings Peace. They plead, that they took no Custome within the bounds of the said Port. And as to the trespass said to be Done to the said Customer at *Lementon*, they say that *Lymenton* is not within the bounds of the said Port, and they are not guilty of the said trespass. For this they put themselves on the Countrey.

The said Mayor Bailifs and other Men of the Community of the Town of *Southampton* Reply; They maintain their Declaration, and join in the Issue. Tryal is had. The Jury Say, That all the Water between *Hurst* and *Langstone* is of the Port and within the precinct of the Port of the Town of *Southampton*; That the Kings Progenitors, all the while they held the said Town of *Southampton* in their own hands, had and received the whole Custome arising from wares and merchandises brought by Ship as well at *Lementon* as at *Southampton* and elsewhere, before they demised the said Town to the said Mayor and Commonalty; That the said Mayor and Commonalty, ever-since they had the said Town at ferme, in like manner had and received the said Custome as pertaining to the said Town of *Southampton*; That the said Town of *Lementon* is within the bounds and precinct of the said Port [of *Southampton*]; That the Custome of all goods and wares brought by Ship to *Lementon* belongeth to the said Town of *Southampton*, and not to the said Town of *Lementon*; That the said Mayor and Community, all the while they had the said Town of *Southampton* at ferme, received and had the said Custome at *Lementon* quietly and peaceably, as belonging to the said Town of *Southampton*, untill the said *Geoffrey William* and others first hindred them, as the said Mayor and Community do complain; That the said *Geoffrey William* and the others did not beat the said *Walter de Depeden* who was deputed to collect the said Custome. The Jury being asked touching Damages, Say it is CC l damage to the said Mayor and Community. Upon this Verdict the Court adjudgeth, That the said Mayor and Community of the said Town of *Southampton* do recover the said CC l against the said *Geoffrey William* and others before-named, And as to the said Beating, that the said *Geoffrey William* and the others be dismissed from this Court without Day (k).

XXX. In

(k) Sutham[tonia]. Galfridus Scurlag Wilhelms Culhout and eighteen others, Homines de villa de Lymington, attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Domino Regi, & Majori Ballivis & cæteris hominibus de Communitate Villæ Suthamtoniæ, de placito transgressionis.

Et unde iidem Major & Ballivi & cæteri Homines ejusdem Communitatis pro Domino Rege & seipsis queruntur, quod cum ipsi prædictam Villam Suthamptoniam cum portu ejusdem Villæ & eodem portu extra Hurst usque Langstone teneant de Domino Rege ad feodi firmam, pro CCxxl annuatim eidem Domino Regi ad Scaccarium suum reddend[is], pro quibus certas custumas de omnibus mercandizis & mercimoniis infra dictas bundas ad prædictum portum venientibus & ex-

inde transeuntibus percipere debent & habere, exceptis mercandis quorundam mercatorum regni mercandisas suas ibidem ducentium qui per libertatem Cartarum Domini Regis de custumis ejusmodi quieti existunt &c, prædicti Galfridus Willelmus Willelmus Hugo Johannes Adam Johannes Willelmus Robertus David Robertus Thomas & alii prænominati, die Jovis proximo post festum Nativitatis Beatae Mariæ Anno regni Domini E nunc decimo septimo, certas custumas Domino Regi debitas de sale frumento ordio & avena de quadam nave vocata le Johette apud Lymyngton infra prædictum portum venien[te] usque summam xls, Et postmodum die Lunæ proximo post festum S Egidii eodem anno xviiº custumas Regis de pannis cera & aliis mercan-

CHAP. XXX. In the Eighteenth year of K Henry VI, an Agreement was made between S E C T.
 X. the Prior and Convent of *Plympton*, and the Mayor and Commonalty of *Plymouth* in *Devonshire*. It was confirmed in Parliament. By that Agreement the Mayor and Commonalty were to pay to the Prior and Convent xli^l yearly, at the Four usual Terms of the year. It was therein provided, that if the said yearly Rent was unpaid fifteen days after any of the said Terms of payment, then it should be lawful for the Prior and Convent and their Successors, and their Ministers to Distrain in the said Burough of *Plymouth*, and to take by way of Distress

mercandis de quadam alia nave vocata la Porteioie apud Lementon in eodem portu usque summam Cs quæ ad firmam prædictæ Villæ Suthamtoniæ pertinent & pertinere debent, injuste ceperunt & adhuc de die in diem hujusmodi custum[as] percipere non desistunt, Quo minus prædicti Homines Villæ Suthamtoniæ Domino Regi de firma sua prædicta satisfacere possunt &c; necnon prædicti Galfridus Willelmus Willelmus & alii prædicto die Lunæ anno prædicto apud Lementon quendam Walterum de Depeden Attorn[atum] & Custumarium Domini Regis, per Communitatem prædictæ Villæ Suthamtoniæ in prædicto portu de Lementon quæ est infra bundas prædictas deputatum, verberaverunt & maletractaverunt &c, nec ipsum custum[am] Domino Regi in eodem portu debitam ad opus ipsius Domini Regis percipere & levare permiserunt &c, in præjudicium ipsius Domini Regis, & exhæredationis suæ &c, Ad dampnum prædictorum hominum D^l &c.

Et prædicti Galfridus Willelmus Willelmus Hugo Johannes Adam Johannes Willelmus Robertus David Robertus Thomas Johannes Willelmus Robertus Robertus Hugo Johannes Reginaldus & Galfridus per attornatum eorum venerunt, & defendunt omnem injuriam transgressionem & quicquid &c. Et dicunt quod nullam custumam infra bundas prædicti portus ceperunt &c. Set quo ad transgressionem quam imponunt eis fecisse prædicto Custumario apud Lementon, dicunt quod Lymenton non est infra bundas portus prædicti, nec ipsi in aliquo sunt culpabiles de transgressionem illa. Et hoc petunt quod inquiratur per patriam.

Et prædicti Major Ballivi & cæteri Homines de Communitate prædictæ Villæ Suthamtoniæ dicunt, quod prædicti Galfridus Willelmus Willelmus & alii prædict[i], Custumas Domini Regis usque ad summam xls & Cs, de navibus prædictis apud Lementon quæ est infra bundas prædicti portus, injuste ceperunt, & prædictum Custumarium ibidem verberaverunt & maletractaverunt, Et ipsum Custumas Domino Regi debitas levare & percipere non permiserunt, sicut prædictum est. Et petunt similiter quod inquiratur per patriam &c. Ideo datus est dies partibus prædictis hic usque in Crastino Clausi Paschæ. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic ad eundem diem xii &c, Nisi aliquis Baronum præ cæteris &c.

Postea continuato processu usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies anno regni Regis hujus xviii^o, partes prædictæ ad diem illum

venerunt. Et Juratores similiter venerunt. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod tota Aqua inter Hurst & Langstone est de Portu & infra præcinctum portus Villæ Suthamtoniæ. Et quod Progenitores Domini Regis nunc quondam Reges Angliæ, toto tempore quo tenuerunt dictam Villam Suthampt[oniam] in manibus suis, habuerunt & perceperunt totam Custumam provenientem de rebus & mercandis Navigio adductis per aquam, tam apud Lementon quam apud Villam Suthamt[oniam] vel alibi, antequam Villam illam demiserunt ad firmam Majori & Communitati prædictis. Et quod iidem Major & Communitas, a tempore quo prædictam Villam habuerunt ad firmam, consimiliter habuerunt & perceperunt Custumam prædictam, tanquam pertinentem ad prædictam Villam Suthamt[oniam]. Et dicunt quod prædicta villa de Lementon est infra bundas & præcinctum portus prædicti. Et quod custuma de omnibus rebus & mercandis navigio per aquam adductis apud Lementon pertinet ad dictam Villam Suthamt[oniam], & non ad prædictam Villam de Lementon, Et quod dicti Major & Communitas, toto tempore quo dictam Villam Suthamt[oniam] habuerunt ad firmam, perceperunt & habuerunt dictam custumam apud Lementon quiete & pacifice tanquam pertinentem ad dictam Villam Suthamt[oniam], quousque prædicti Galfridus Willelmus *and the others before-named* ipsos inde primo impediverunt, sicut iidem Major & Communitas queruntur. Et dicunt quod prædicti Galfridus Willelmus *and all the others by name*, prædictum Walterum de Depeden Attorn[atum] ad Custumam prædictam colligendam deputatum non verberaverunt. Requisiti Juratores de dampnis, dicunt quod ad dampnum dictorum Majoris & Communitatis CCl. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædicti Major & Communitas dictæ Villæ Suthampt[oniam] recuperent versus prædictos Galfridum Willelmum & alios prænominatos CCl prædictas; Et quod iidem Galfridus Willelmus & alii capiantur; Et quoad transgressionem verberationis prædictæ, iidem Galfridus Willelmus & alii prænominati inde sine die. Et prædicti Major & Communitas pro falso clamore in misericordia &c. *This was a Plea before the Barons of the Exchequer, as it seemeth. But I cannot find it in the Exchequer-Rolls. However, it is set-forth verbatim in a Roll of the Placita coram Domino Rege, viz. Placita coram Rege apud Eboracum Termino S Hilarii anno 2 Edw. 3. Rot. 96.*

C H A P. X. streſs all the goods and chatells of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and of anyS E C T. XXXI.
Burgeſſes of the ſaid Burough, and of others reſiding and abiding there, which
could be found within the ſaid Burough and the precinct thereof (l).

XXXI. If a Debt or Summ of money was charged on the Men of a Town, by Tally of Affignment, Patent-Letter, or other way of Affignation, the Sherifs or Bailifs of That Town were answerable, on behalf of the Townsmen, for the ſaid Debt or Summ, not only to the King but even to his Assignee; the Townsmen however not being, as I ſuppoſe, exempted. It became primarily the Debt of the Town, ſecondarily of the Principal or Ruling Officer or Officers. This theoreme may be illuſtrated by the ſeveral caſes of the Cities or Towns of *Kingſton upon Thames*, *London* and *Briſtoll*, which do here follow.

The Ferm of the Town of *Kingſton upon Thames* with the increment thereof, were from time beyond memory of man, levyed and levyable yearly by the Bailifs of the ſaid Town for the time being, on the Townsmen of *Kyngſton*. And the ſaid Bailifs for the time being were from time immemorial charged and chargeable to the King and his Progenitours Kings of *England*, at their Exchequer every year, for their reſpective times, with the ſaid Ferm and increment. In the Third year of K *Edward IV*, a Tally of Affignment was levied at the Receipt of Exchequer, upon the Men of the ſaid Town of *Kingſton*, for the ſumm of xxl, for the benefit of *George Darell* Keeper of the Kings Great Wardrobe, payable out of the ferm and increment of the ſaid Town. In the Fifth year of K *Edward IV*, Sir *George Darel* bringeth an action of Debt in the Exchequer againſt *Richard Lamvale* and *William Reynold* late Bailifs of the Town of *Kingſton*, for reſuſing to pay him the ſaid xxl charged by the ſaid Tally upon the Men of the ſaid Town (m).

K *Edward*

(l) Moſt Humbly beſecheth your pour Subgettes and true Liege Men the Priour and the Covent of the Priorie of Plympton, and Maire and Commonalte of your Burrough of Plymmouth in the Counte of Devonſhire, that where in a Parlement holden at Weſtminſter the morne uppon the feſt of Seint Martyn, the xviii yere of the Reigne of Henry the vi^e late in dede and not in right King of Englonde, amonges other there was a Peticion by the Commons of this Reame in the ſame Parlement aſſembled, putte unto the ſaid Henry late Kyng, the which Peticion and the mater therein conteyned by auctorite of the ſame Parlement was inacte and auctorifed, the tenour whereof hereafter followeth. Supplicat veſtræ regie celſitudini Communitas tocius regni veſtri Angliæ in præſenti Parlamento veſtro congregata, quod —. Et ulterius auctoritate prædicta ſit ordinatum & ſtabilitum, quod dicti Major & Communitas & eorum Succelloribus imperpetuum reddent & ſolvent præſatis Priori & Conventui & eorum Succelloribus, in Prioratu prædicto annuatim, a feſto ſancti Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, xli^l ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet ad feſta Natalis Domini, Paſchæ, Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiſtæ, & Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, per æquales portiones. Et ſi idem redditus xli^l, vel ejus aliqua pars aretro fuerit, non ſoluta præſatis Priori & Conventui aut eorum Succelloribus per xv dies poſt aliquem terminum ſolutionis ſupradictæ, tunc bene liceat eiſdem Priori & Conventui & Succelloribus ſuis, & eorum Miniſtris, diſtringere in

dicto Burgo de Plymmouth, & nomine diſtrictionis capere omnia bona & catalla dictorum Majoris & Communitatis, & quorumcunque Burgenſium Burgi illius, & aliorum in eodem reſidentium & commorantium, infra eundem Burgum & procinctum ejusdem inventa, & quamcunque inde parcellam, & diſtrictiones illas ſic captas abinde aſportare abducere imparcare & retinere in quocumque loco eis placuerit, quouſque eis de redditu ſic aretro exiſtente plenarie fuerit ſatiſfactum —. Rot. Parl. 3 & 4 Edw. 4. m. 38, 39.

(m) Surreia. Georgius Darell Miles nuper Armiger, ac nuper Cuſtos magnæ Garderobæ Domini Regis nunc, alias dictus Georgius Darell Armiger Clericus Magnæ Garderobæ Regis, venit coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii viceſimo quarto die Maii hoc Termino per Thomam Depden Attornatum ſuum, & queritur per billam verſus Ricardum Lamvale & Willelmum Reynold nuper Ballivos Villæ de Kyngſton in Comitatu prædicto, præſentes hic in Curia eodem die ſuper compoto ſuo de officio ſuo prædicto hic ad hoc Scaccarium reddendo per Thomam Harryſon eorum Attornatum, de eo quod prædicti nuper Ballivi ei debent & injuſte detinent viginti libras argenti, & pro eo injuſte, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex, pro diverſis debitis in quibus indebitatus fuerat præſato querenti pro expenſis Garderobæ ſuæ prædictæ, inter alia aſſignaffet eidem querenti viginti libras prædictas, per quandam talliam quam dictus querens hic in Curia profert, eandem ſummam continentem, levatam ad Receptam Scaccarii prædicti

CHAP. K *Edward IV* by a Patent-Letter of his Great Seal granted to *Robert Spaldyng* the office of Sergeant at Arms, with the Salary of *xii d* a-day, to be received by him [of the Citifens of *London* the Feefermers], out of the Feeferm and other issues of the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*, by the hands of the Sherifs for the time being. A writ of *Liberate* currant was also granted to *Robert*, directed to the Sherifs of *London* and *Middlesex* Then and for the time being, commanding them to make payment accordingly. For non-payment *Robert* brought his action in the Court of Exchequer, against *John Tate* and *John Stone* Sherifs of the said City and County. The Defendants appear in Court, and emparle (n). King *Edward IV*, having constituted *John Smert*, Garter King of Arms,

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prædicti apud Westm[onasterium], vicesimo quarto die Novembris anno regni dicti Domini Regis tertio, pro Garderoba Regis, per nomen Georgii Darell Armigeri Clerici Magnæ Garderobæ Regis, præfato querente tunc Custode Garderobæ prædictæ existente, de & super hominibus Villæ de Kyngeston, Percipiend[um] de ipsis de firma Villæ suæ & incremento ejusdem; Quæ quidem firma & incrementum sunt, & a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit fuerunt, levata & levabilia annuatim per Ballivos Villæ de Kyngeston prædictæ pro tempore existentes, de hominibus Villæ illius; ipsique Ballivi sic pro tempore existentes, de eisdem firma & incremento, annuatim pro temporibus suis, Domino Regi & Progenitoribus suis Regibus Angliæ ad eorum Scaccarium onerati & onerabiles extiterunt a toto tempore illo; Et licet dictus querens primo die Decembris dicto anno tertio, apud Kyngeston prædictam per quendam Johannem Mafon adtunc fervientem suum monstraverit, & ad deliberandum optulerit talliam prædictam præfato Ricardo Lamvale, qui ac dictus Willelmus Reynold tunc, & continue extunc usque vicesimum nonum diem Septembris tunc proximo sequentem, fuerunt Ballivi Villæ prædictæ de Kyngeston, pro solutione viginti librarum prædictarum habenda, secundum effectum talliæ prædictæ; qui quidem jam defendentes de viginti & septem libris octo solidis sex denariis & obolo, de & pro firma Villæ illius & incremento ejusdem pro dicto anno tertio Regis nunc, in compoto suo prædicto dicto Domino Regi nunc ad Scaccarium prædictum onerati existunt, quo quidem primo die Decembris dicto anno tertio & postea, prædicti nuper Ballivi jam defendentes apud Villam de Kyngeston prædictam, satis habuerunt in manibus suis de prædictis firma & incremento, unde ipsi tunc solvisse potuerunt præfato querenti *xxl* prædictas, secundum effectum talliæ prædictæ. Et licet prædictus querens sæpius postea requisiverit dictos defendentes ad ei solvendum dictas *xxl*, secundum effectum talliæ illius, ipsi tamen jam defendentes talliam prædictam de præfato querente recipere noluerunt, nec easdem *xxl* five aliquam inde parcellam præfato querenti adhuc solvere volunt, set hoc facere contradixerunt, & adhuc contradicunt. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valentiam decem librarum. Et hoc

offert &c.

Et prædicti nuper Ballivi per prædictum eorum Attornatum præsentēs &c, petunt auditum billæ prædictæ; & eis legitur &c; qua audita dicunt, quod ipsi ad præsens non sunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Georgio in præmissis. Et petunt diem inde loquendi usque diem Mercurii vicesimum secundum diem Maii proximo futurum, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Georgio hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos. Et prædictus Georgius petit quod prædicti nuper Ballivi ei respondeant in præmissis. Et super hoc prædicti nuper Ballivi dicunt, quod ipsi nondum sunt avisati ad respondendum præfato Georgio in præmissis. Et petunt ulterius diem inde loquendi usque Octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Georgio hic &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 1. b.*

(n) London[ia]. Johannes Tate & Johannes Stone Vicecomites Civitatis & Comitatus Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ, attachiati fuerunt per breve hujus Scaccarii effendi coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii hic, die Mercurii quintodecimo die Maii hoc termino, ad respondendum Roberto Spaldyng uni fervientum Domini Regis nunc ad arma, in quodam placito debiti &c.

Et modo ad prædictum diem Mercurii venit hic prædictus Robertus in propria persona sua; Et prædicti Vicecomites per Willelmum Saundre eorum Attornatum similiter venerunt hic. Et unde prædictus Robertus queritur versus præfatos Vicecomites, de eo quod prædicti Vicecomites ei debent & injuste detinent quadraginta libras argenti, & pro eo injuste, quod cum dictus Dominus Rex per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est decimo septimo die Octobris anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc primo, recitans per easdem, quod cum ipse Dominus Rex de gratia sua speciali, ac consideratione boni servitii quod prædictus querens, per nomen dilecti ligei sui Roberti Spaldyng, eidem Domino Regi impendebat & in futuro impendere desiderabat, concefferit præfato querenti officium unius Servientum dicti Domini Regis ad arma, loco Alexandri Shefeld; Habendum tenendum & occupandum officium illud pro termino

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X. Salary of xl/, during his life; to be paid to him out of the issues farms and re XXXI.
venues arising from the Ferm of the Counties of *London* and *Middelfex*. The King
also granted to *John* a Writ of *Liberate curraunt* under his Great-Seal, directed to
the Sherifs of *London* and *Middelfex* Then and for the time being, thereby com-
manding them to pay the same to the said *John Smert* yearly, out of the said
farms

mino vitæ suæ, cum vadiis duodecim denari-
orum per diem; Percipiendo annuatim du-
rante vita sua prædicta, de feodi firma Civi-
tatis & Comitatus Londoniæ & Midd[elfexiæ],
ac de exitibus & proficuis firmis reventioni-
bus & commoditatibus eorundem Civitatis &
Comitatus, per manus Vicecomitum Civitatis
& Comitatus prædictorum pro tempore exi-
stentium, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaë-
lis per æquales portiones, prout in Literis pa-
tentibus illis plenius continetur. Virtute
quarum quidem Literarum patentium, præ-
dictus querens habuit quoddam breve dicti
Domini Regis nunc sub Magno Sigillo suo
extra Cancellariam suam, vocatum *Liberate*
Curraunt, de data quinti diei Novembris an-
no regni dicti Domini Regis nunc secundo,
Vicecomitibus dictorum Civitatis & Comita-
tus Londoniæ & Midd[elfexiæ] qui tunc fu-
erunt vel qui pro tempore forent directum,
per quod quidem breve eisdem Vicecomiti-
bus dictorum Civitatis & Comitatus Londo-
niæ & Midd[elfexiæ] qui tunc fuerunt vel
qui pro tempore forent, præcepit, quod præ-
fato querenti id quod ei adtunc aretro fuit de
prædictis xii^d per diem, a prædicto decimo
septimo die Octobris dicto anno primo, &
eosdem xii^d per diem extunc singulis annis
durante vita sua, de dicta feodi firma Civi-
tatis & Comitatus prædictorum, ac de exiti-
bus proficuis firmis reventionibus & commo-
ditatibus prædictis, ad terminos prædictos de
tempore in tempus solverent, juxta teno-
rem Literarum dicti Domini Regis prædicta-
rum; Recipientes a præfato querente de tem-
pore in tempus Literas suas acquietanciæ;
quæ pro dicto Domino Rege sufficientes fo-
rent in ea parte; per quas & dictum manda-
tum dicti Domini Regis, idem Dominus Rex
eis inde in compoto suo ad Scaccarium præ-
dictum de tempore in tempus debitam allo-
cationem habere faceret; prout in eodem
breve plenius continetur. Quod quidem bre-
ve deliberatum fuit quinto die Octobris anno
regni dicti Domini Regis quarto, apud Lon-
doniam, videlicet in parochia Sancti Alphegi
in Warda de Crepulgate, præfatis Vicecomi-
tibus jam defendentibus, adtunc Vicecomiti-
bus Civitatis & Comitatus Londoniæ & Mid-
d[elfexiæ] prædict[orum] per manus prædi-
cti querentis. Ac postea ipse querens vicesi-
mo quarto die Aprilis anno regni dicti Do-
mini Regis nunc quinto, apud Villam West-
m[onasterii] in Comitatu Midd[elfexiæ], mon-
stravit & ad deliberandum optulit eisdem jam
defendentibus Literas acquietanciæ ipsius
querentis sufficientes, eisdem jam defendenti-
bus confectas, de prædictis xl/ jam in de-
manda, adtunc eidem querenti aretro existen-

tibus, videlicet parcella illarum sexaginta tri-
um librarum & quatuordecim solidorum de
prædictis xii^d per diem, a prædicto xvii^o die
Octobris dicto anno primo, usque festum Pas-
chæ dicto anno quinto eidem querenti aretro
existentibus, scilicet per tres annos CLxxix
dies, pro solutione dictarum xl/ habenda se-
cundum effectum Literarum patentium & bre-
vis prædictorum. Quo quidem vicesimo
quarto die Aprilis ipsi jam defendentes apud
Villam Westm[onasterii] prædictam fatis ha-
buerunt in manibus suis de dicta feodi firma
Civitatis & Comitatus prædictorum, ac de di-
ctis exitibus proficuis firmis reventionibus &
commoditatibus prædictis, unde ipsi tunc sol-
visse potuerunt præfato querenti dictas xl/
jam in demanda, secundum effectum Litera-
rum patentium & brevis prædictorum. Et
prædictus querens dicit, quod ipse a dicto de-
cimo septimo die Octobris dicto anno primo,
usque dictum festum Paschæ dicto anno quin-
to, fuit & adhuc existit unus servientum di-
cti Domini Regis nunc ad arma, & quod ipse
per totum idem tempus officium illud occupa-
vit & adhuc occupat. Et licet etiam ipse
querens sæpius postea requisiverit ipsos jam
defendentes ad ei solvendum dictas xl/ jam in
demanda, Ipsi tamen jam defendentes xl/ il-
las, sive aliquam inde parcellam, præfato
querenti nondum solverunt, set hoc facere
contradixerunt, & adhuc contradicunt. Et
unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & damp-
num habet ad valentiam viginti librarum. Et
inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædicti Vicecomites per prædictum
eorum Attornatum præsentis &c, defendunt
vim & injuriam dampnum & quicquid &c;
& petunt auditum brevis prædicti; & eis le-
gitur &c; quo audito, dicunt quod ipsi ad
præfens non sunt avisati ad respondendum
præfato Roberto in præmissis; & petunt di-
em inde loquendi usque Octabas Sanctæ Tri-
nitatis, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam
concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præ-
fato Roberto hic &c. Ad quem diem partes
prædictæ venerunt hic, prædictus videlicet
Robertus in propria persona sua, & prædicti
Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attorna-
tum. Et prædictus Robertus petit quod præ-
dicti Vicecomites ei respondeant in præmis-
sis &c. Et super hoc iidem Vicecomites di-
cunt, quod ipsi nondum sunt avisati ad re-
spondendum præfato Roberto in præmissis, &
petunt ulterius diem inde loquendi usque Octa-
bas Sancti Michaëlis, citra quem &c; quod
per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies
datus est præfato Roberto hic &c. *Placita co-
ram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 14. a.*

CHAP. *ferms issues and revenues. For non-payment John Smert brought an action of* S E C T.
 X. *Debt in the Exchequer, against John Tate and John Stone then Sherifs of London* XXXI.
and Middelfex (o).

In

(o) Londonia. Pro Johanne Smert querente, versus Johannem Tate & alios nuper Vicecomites Londoniæ defend[entes], in placito debiti, per breve.

Johannes Tate & Johannes Stone nuper Vicecomites Civitatis Londoniæ & Com[itatus] Midd[el]sexiæ, attachiati fuerunt per breve hujus Scaccarii, effendi hic modo, die Jovis vicesimo octavo die Novembris hoc Termino, ad respondendum Johanni Smert principali Heraldio Domini Regis nunc, & Regi Armorum de Gartera, in placito debiti &c.

Et modo ad prædictum diem Jovis venit hic prædictus Johannes Smert in propria persona sua. Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per Willelmum Saundre eorum Attornatum similiter venerunt hic. Et unde prædictus Johannes Smert queritur versus præfatos nuper Vicecomites, de eo quod prædicti nuper Vicecomites ei debent, & injuste detinent quadraginta & tres libras & decem & novem denarios argenti, & pro eo injuste, quod cum Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est quarto die Septembris anno regni sui primo, quas dictus Johannes Smert hic in Curia profert, recitans per easdem, quod cum [non *deest*] novum esse constabat set tunc inde ab antiquis [temporibus *deest*] usitatum, inter cæteros officiales & Ministros quos principum lateribus pro eorum magnificentia atque gloria adhibere decet, non minoris quam prudentissimæ æstimationis eorum debeat esse conditio, quibus armorum in officiis cura atque labor committi solet, ipse Dominus Rex igitur considerationis aciem in laudabilia servitia quæ dilectus ipsius Domini Regis Johannes Smert, alias dictus Garterus armorum Rex, in hiis quæ officium illud concernere intelligebantur, excercuit dirigens, eundem propterea, & non minus ob solerciam & sagacitatem quas in eo satis habuit exploratas, in principalem heraldum ipsius Domini Regis armorumque Regem de Gartera, ex gratia sua speciali, erexit creavit & fecit; Habendum cum nomine titulo juribus & proficuis omnibus illi officio consuetis & debitis. Et enim præterea ipse Dominus Rex, de gratia sua uberiori concessit præfato Johanni Smert, in Regem armorum ut præfertur erecto, quadraginta libras ratione & causa officii illius, Percipiendo annuatim a festo Paschæ tunc ultimo præterito, pro termino vitæ suæ, de firma Comitatum Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ, & de exitibus proficuis firmis & reventionibus de eisdem Comitatibus provenientibus, per manus Vicecomitum eorundem pro tempore existentium, ad festa Sancti Michaëlis & Paschæ, per æquales portiones, prout in Literis illis plenius continetur. Super quibus quidem Literis patentibus, ipse Johannes Smert habuit quoddam breve Domini Regis de Magno Sigillo, vocatum Liberate curraunt,

cujus data est primo die Marcii dicto anno primo, Vicecomitibus Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ qui tunc fuerunt vel qui pro tempore forent directum; per quod quidem breve ipse Dominus Rex eisdem Vicecomitibus præcepit, quod eidem Johanni Smert id quod ei aretro tunc fuit de eisdem quadraginta libris per annum, & easdem quadraginta libras annuas extunc singulis annis, de dictis firmis exitibus proficuis & reventionibus solverent, juxta tenorem Literarum patentium & brevis illorum; Recipientes a præfato Johanne Smert de tempore in tempus Literas suas acquietanciæ, quæ pro ipso Domino Rege sufficientes forent in ea parte, per quas & breve illud idem Dominus Rex eis inde in compoto suo ad Scaccarium suum debitam allocationem habere faceret; prout in brevi illo plenius continetur. Quod quidem breve vicesimo die Marcii anno regni Domini Regis nunc quinto, apud Londoniam, in parochia Sancti Vedasti in Warda de Chepe, dictus querens monstravit, & ad deliberandum optulit præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus jam defendentibus, tunc Vicecomitibus dictorum Comitatum Londoniæ & Middelfexiæ; & licet ipse querens in Craffino Sancti Michaëlis dicto anno quinto ibidem optulit ad deliberandum præfatis nuper Vicecomitibus jam defendentibus Literas ipsius Johannis Smert acquietanciæ, sufficientes pro Domino Rege, pro solutione dictarum quadraginta & trium librarum decem & novem denariorum, tunc aretro existentium eidem Johanni Smert de prædictis quadraginta libris per annum, videlicet sexaginta & unum solidos & septem denarios inde, tunc aretro existentes de viginti libris pro termino Sancti Michaëlis anno quarto Domini Regis nunc, & quadraginta libras inde resid[uas] pro terminis Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis dicto anno quinto; quo quidem Craffino ipsi nuper Vicecomites jam defend[entes] satis habuerunt ibidem in manibus suis, de dictis firmis exitibus proficuis & revencionibus de eisdem Comitatibus provenientibus, unde ipsi jam defendentes tunc solvisse potuerunt eidem Johanni Smert quadraginta & tres libras decem & novem denarios prædictos, Habendum secundum effectum Literarum patentium & brevis prædictorum. Et licet tunc sæpius postea ipse querens requisiverit ipsos nuper Vicecomites jam defendentes, ad ei solvendum dictas quadraginta & tres libras decem & novem denarios, ipsi tamen jam defendentes quadraginta & tres libras decem & novem denarios illos, nec aliquam inde parcellam, præfato querenti nondum solverunt; set hoc facere omnino contradixerunt, & adhuc contradicunt. Et unde prædictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valenciam viginti librarum. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et

CHAP. In the Fifth year of K Edward IV, *William Porte* Esquire late Treasurer of the Kings Chamber brought an action of Debt in the Court of Exchequer, against *John Cogan* late Sherif of the Town of *Bristol*, for Cii l xv s vi d. *William De-* S E C T. XXXI.
clareth, That the King being indebted to him in the said Cii l xv s vi d, did by a Tally levied at the Receipt of Exchequer, assign to him the said summ, upon the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of *Bristol*, To be by him received of Them out of the Feeferm of their Town. That the said King desiring the said Cii l xv s vi d should be paid to the said *William Porte*, did issue a Summonee of the *Pipe* out of the Court of Exchequer, directed to the Sherif of the said Town of *Bristol*. That in the said Summonee was contained a certain debt of Cxlii l x s, whereof the said Cii l xv s vi d are part, due from the said Mayor and Community of the said Town of *Bristol*. That the said Debt was charged in the said Summonee upon the Mayor of the said Town of *Bristol* and the Community thereof and their successors, and the Burgesles and their heirs and successors, for the Ferm of the Kings Town of *Bristol* with the suburbs and appurtenances. That the said Summonee was delivered to the said Sherif. That by vertue thereof he levied of the goods and chatells of *William Coder* then Mayor and the Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol* the said Cxlii l x s. That the Plaintiff shewed and offered to deliver to the said Sherif the said Tally, in order to obtain payment of the said Cii l xv s vi d contained therein; and requested him to pay the said money to the plaintiff. That the Defendant had Then enough in his hands wherewith to pay the same; but he refused and still doth refuse to pay it. To this Declaration the Defendant emparleth. Afterwards the Defendant Pleadeth, That K Edward IV by his Patent-Letter dated the Sixteenth day of March in the Fifth year of his reign, granted to his Dearest Consort Q *Elisabeth* Cii l xv s vi d, To be enjoyed and received by Her from the Feast of St *Michael* then last past for the term of Her life, out of the Ferm of the Kings Town of *Bristol*, by the hands of the Mayor and Community of the said Town and their successors for the time being. That the same King by his Writ of *Liberate* currant, dated at *Westminster* the Twentyssecond day of March in the said Fifth year, reciting the said Grant to the Queen, commanded the said Mayor and Community of the said Town who Then were and for the time should be, that they should pay to the said Queen the said Cii l xv s vi d from thenceforward every year during her life, out of the said Ferm, according to the Tenour of the said Patent-Letter. That the said Writ was Such a day and year, at *Bristol*, delivered to the said *William Coder* then Mayor of the said Town and to the Community thereof, and to the said *John Cogan* then Sherif of the said Town and one of the Community of the said Town; and the said Queen by *William Eyles* Her Minister, at *Bristol*, on Thursday next after Easter-day in the Fifth year of the King, offered and delivered to the said Mayor and Commonalty a sufficient Letter of Acquittance for the payment out of the said Ferm due at Easter in the said Fifth year, namely for Li l vii s ix d; and on the said Thursday the said *William Coder* Mayor and the Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol* did There pay to the said Queen Li l vii s ix d, for part of the said Ferm due at the Easter then last past; And that the said *William Coder* and the Commonalty of the said Town, on the fourth day of October in the Fifth year of the King, did There also pay to the said Queen Li l vii s ix d, out of the Ferm of the said Town due at the feast of St *Michael* in the said Fifth year. The Defendant *John Cogan* further Pleadeth, That he did not levy nor could levy of the goods and chatells of the said *William Coder* Mayor and of the Community of the Town of *Bristol*, nor of the Burgesles of the said Town, nor of the goods and chatells of any one of them, nor of the heirs and successors of Them or any one of their predecessors, or of any of them [the said predecessors or successors], the said Cii l xv s vi d, or any part thereof, before the said Thursday next before the said feast of Easter, nor on the said Thursday; and that he never had any part thereof

Et prædicti nuper Vicecomites per prædictum eorum Attornatum præsentem &c, defendunt dampnum & quicquid &c. Et petunt auditum brevis prædicti; & eis legitur &c. Quò audito dicunt, quod ipsi ad præsens non sunt avifati ad respondendum præ-

fato Johanni Smert in præmissis; & petunt diem inde loquendi usque Octabas Sancti Hilarii, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est eis. Et idem dies datus est præfato Johanni Smert hic &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4. Rot. 55. b.*

CH A P. thereof in his hands before or on the said Thursday. The Defendant further saith, S E C T.

X. That he did not and could not levy on the goods and chatells of the said *Wil-* XXXI.

liam Coder Mayor and of the Community of the said Town of *Bristol*, nor of the Burgeses of the said Town, nor of the goods and chatells of any one of them, nor of their heirs or successors, nor of any one of their predecessors, nor of any of them, xxxix l xiiii s vi d the residue of the said Cxlii l x s, nor any part thereof; and that he never had any of it in his hands, so that he could not make any payment of the said Cii l xv s vi d demanded of him by the said Plaintiff *William Porte*. In fine, the Defendant saith, That the said Town of *Bristol* mentioned in the Kings Patent-Letter made in the said First year of the King, and the said Town of *Bristol* specified in the said Patent-Letter granted to the Queen, and in the said Writ of *Liberate* currant, and also in the said Summone of the *Pipe* and in the said Tally, is one and the same Town of *Bristol*, and not diverse.

To this Plea the Plaintiff *William Porte* demurreth in law. The Defendant joineth in Demurrer. The Court of Exchequer, after advisement, giveth Judgment against the Plaintiff (p).

XXXII. Upon

(p) Londonia. Willelmus Porte Armiger nuper Thesaurarius Camera Domini Regis nunc, venit coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii tricesimo primo die Octobris hoc Termino, per Ricardum Blyffet Attornatum suum, & queritur per billam versus Johannem Cogan nuper Vicecomitem Villæ Bristollia, præsentem hic in Curia eodem die, super compoto suo de officio suo prædicto hic ad hoc Scaccarium reddendo per Johannem Wentworth Attornatum suum, de eo quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes ei debet & injuste detinet Centum & duas libras quindecim solidos & sex denarios argenti, & pro eo injuste, quod cum Dominus Rex nunc pro diversis debitis in quibus indebitatus fuerat præfato querenti, inter alia assignasset eidem querenti Cii l xv s vi d prædictos, per quandam talliam Curia hic ostensam, eandem summam continentem, levatam ad Receptam Scaccarii prædicti apud Westm[onasterium] sexto die Novembris anno regni Domini Regis nunc quarto, pro præfato querente, pro Camera Regis, dicto querenti tunc Thesaurario Camera dicti Domini Regis existente, de & super Majore & Communitate dictæ Villæ Bristollia existentibus, Percipiendos de ipsis de feodi firma Villæ suæ, dicto querenti tunc Thesaurario dictæ Camera Domini Regis existente; dictusque Dominus Rex nunc volens præfato querenti de Cii l xv s vi d prædictis contentationem fieri, xxiiiº die Februarii dicto anno quarto, mandavit Summonitionem suam Pipæ extra hoc Scaccarium, Vicecomiti dictæ Villæ Bristollia tunc existenti directam, & per eandem Summonitionem dictus Dominus Rex eidem tunc Vicecomiti præcepit, quod videret sicut seipsum & omnia sua diligeret, quod esset coram Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii apud Westm[onasterium], in Crastino Clausi Paschæ anno regni Domini Regis nunc quinto, & quod ibi haberet tunc quicquid eidem Domino Regi debebat de novis & veteribus firmis, & omnia debita in Summonitione illa contenta, & Summonitionem illam; in qua quidem Summonitione in-

ter alia quoddam debitum Cxlii l x s, per Majorem & Communitatem dictæ Villæ Bristollia dicto Domino Regi debitum, unde dictæ Cii l xv s vi d sunt parcella, exactum fuit scriptum & contentum in forma sequenti, videlicet, De Majore Villæ Bristollia & Communitate ejusdem Villæ & Successoribus suis ac Burgensibus hæredibus & Successoribus suis, de firma Villæ Regis Bristollia cum Suburbis & suis pertinentiis, Cxlii l x s, prout in Summonitione illa plenius continetur. Quæ quidem Summonitio postea scilicet xxvii die Februarii dicto anno quarto, apud Villam Westm[onasterii] in Comitatu Midd[elfexia] deliberata fuit præfato nuper Vicecomiti jam defendenti, tunc Vicecomiti dictæ Villæ Bristollia, per manus cujusdam Johannis Brodyng. Ac cum ipse nuper Vicecomes jam defendens, virtute Summonitionis illius, xiiiiº die Marcii dicto anno quinto, fieri fecerit & levaverit apud Villam Bristollia prædictam, de bonis & catallis Willelmi Coder tunc Majoris ac Communitatis dictæ Villæ Bristollia dictos Cxlii l x s; Idemque nuper Vicecomes jam defendens de Cxlii l x s illis, in Compoto suo prædicto hic ad Scaccarium prædictum erga dictum Dominum Regem oneratus existit. Ac cum dictus querens post dictam deliberationem Summonitionis prædictæ in forma prædicta factam, scilicet xxviiiº die Februarii dicto anno quarto, apud Londoniam in parochia Sancti Vedasti in Warda de Faryngdon infra, monstraverit & ad deliberandum optulerit talliam prædictam præfato nuper Vicecomiti jam defendenti, tunc Vicecomiti dictæ Villæ Bristollia, pro solutione Cii l xv s vi d prædictorum in prædicta tallia contentorum habenda, secundum effectum ejusdem tallia; Ac etiam cum dictus querens post levationem illam Cxlii l x s illorum in forma prædicta factam, scilicet xxxº die Septembris dicto anno quinto, apud Villam Bristollia prædictam, requisiverit ipsum jam defendentem ad ei solvendum dictos Cii l xv s vi d jam in demanda; Ac tunc & ibidem ipse querens paratus fuit ad ei deliberandum talliam

CHAP. XXXII. Upon this Occasion we may referr to the Case of the Abbot of Saint S E C T.
X. Benet Plaintiff, and J H Mayor and the Commonalty of Norwich Defendants, in XXXII.
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liam prædictam, si ipse jam defendens solvisse voluisset eidem jam querenti dictos Cii l xvs vi d; quo quidem xxx^o die Septembris ipse jam defendens, apud Londoniam in parochia & Warda prædictis, satis habuit in manibus suis de dictis Cxlii l xs per ipsum in forma prædicta levatis, unde ipse tunc solvisse potuit præfato querenti Cii l xvs vi d prædictos; Ipse tamen nuper Vicecomes jam defendens talliam prædictam de præfato querente recipere noluit, nec Cii l xvs vi d, sive aliquam inde parcellam, præfato querenti nondum solvit, set hoc facere contradixit, & adhuc contradicit. Et unde dictus querens deterioratur, & dampnum habet ad valenciam quadraginta librarum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et prædictus nuper Vicecomes per prædictum Attornatum suum præfatus &c, petit auditum billæ prædictæ; & legitur &c; qua audita dicit, quod ipse ad præfatus non est avisatus ad respondendum præfato Willelmo Porte in præmissis; & petit diem inde loquendi usque diem Mercurii sextum diem Novembris proximo futurum, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est ei. Et idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo Porte hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos. Et prædictus Willelmus Porte petit quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes ei respondeat in præmissis. Et super hoc prædictus nuper Vicecomes dicit, quod ipse nondum est avisatus ad respondendum præfato Willelmo Porte in præmissis. Et petit ulterius diem inde loquendi usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii, citra quem &c; quod per Curiam concessum est ei. Et idem dies datus est præfato Willelmo Porte hic &c. Ad quem diem partes prædictæ venerunt hic per prædictos Attornatos suos. Et prædictus Willelmus Porte petit quod prædictus nuper Vicecomes ei respondeat in præmissis. Et super hoc prædictus nuper Vicecomes dicit, quod prædictus Willelmus Porte actionem suam prædictam versus eum manutenere non debet, quia dicit quod Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, quas idem Johannes Cogan Magno Sigillo ipsius Domini Regis nunc signatas hic in Curia proferit, quarum data est apud Westm[onasterium] xii^o die Februarii anno regni ejusdem Domini Regis nunc primo, recitans per easdem, quod cum Henricus sextus nuper de facto & non de jure Rex Angliæ, quintodecimo die Marcii anno regni sui vicesimo quarto, per Literas suas patentes commiserit & concesserit Nicholao Hill tunc Majori Villæ Bristollæ & Communitati ejusdem Villæ, eandem Villam cum Suburbis ejusdem, ac cum portis fossis & muris eorundem Villæ & Suburbiorum—. *He sets forth the Patent Letter.* Et dicit ulterius idem Johannes Cogan, quod alias dictus Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, quarum data est apud Westm[onasterium]

xvi^o die Marcii anno regni sui quinto, inter alia concessit carissimæ Consorti suæ Elizabethæ Regina Angliæ Cii l xvs vi d, Habendum & percipiendum eidem Consorti suæ, a festo Sancti Michaelis tunc ultimo præterito, pro termino vitæ suæ, de firma Villæ suæ Bristollæ, per manus Majoris & Communitatis ejusdem Villæ & Successorum suorum pro tempore existentium, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis per æquales portiones, prout in illis Literis patentibus, irrotulatis videlicet inter Recorda de Terminis Sancti Hillarii dicto anno quinto, in Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti apud Westm[onasterium] ex parte Rememoratoris dicti Domini Regis Rotulo... plenius continetur. Et super hoc idem Dominus Rex, per breve suum de Liberate Currant, cujus data est apud Westm[onasterium] xxii^o die Marcii anno regni Domini Regis nunc quinto, recitans dictam concessionem suam prædictæ Consorti suæ in forma prædicta factam, mandaverit tunc Majori & Communitati Villæ prædictæ, quæ tunc fuerunt & quæ pro tempore forent, quod ipsi eidem Consorti suæ dictas Cii l xvs vi d extunc singulis annis durante vita ejusdem Consortis suæ, de firma prædicta solverent, juxta tenorem Literarum suarum prædictarum, eidem Consorti suæ in forma prædicta factarum; Recipientes a præfata Consorte sua de tempore in tempus Literas suas acquietanciæ, quæ pro ipso Domino Rege sufficientes forent in hac parte, per quas & idem mandatum suum voluit idem Dominus Rex eis inde in Computis suis ad hoc Scaccarium debitam allocationem fieri, prout in brevi illo Curie hic ostenso plenius continetur. Quod quidem breve die Jovis proximo ante festum Paschæ anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc quinto, apud Bristolliam prædictam, deliberatum fuit dicto Willelmo Coder tunc Majori dictæ Villæ Bristollæ & Communitati ejusdem, ac dicto Johanni Cogan tunc Vicecomiti ejusdem Villæ ac uni Communitatis ejusdem Villæ, ac eadem Regina per Willelmum Eyles Ministrum suum, apud Bristolliam, die Jovis proximo post dictum festum Paschæ dicto anno quinto Regis nunc, optulit & deliberavit eidem Majori & Communitati Literas acquietanciæ de solutione firmæ prædictæ, ad festum Paschæ anno regni Domini Regis nunc quinto debitæ, videlicet de Li l viis ix d quæ pro ipso Domino Rege sufficientes fuerunt in hac parte; quo quidem die Jovis dictus Willelmus Coder Major & Communitas dictæ Villæ Bristollæ ibidem solverunt dictæ Regina Li l viis ix d, pro parte firmæ prædictæ ad dictum festum Paschæ tunc ultimo præteritum aretro existente. Et dicit ulterius idem Johannes Cogan, quod dicti Willelmus Coder & Communitas dictæ Villæ Bristollæ, quarto die Octobris anno regni Domini Regis nunc quinto, ibidem solverunt præfata Regina Li l viis ix d,

CHAP. an Action of Debt, which pended in the one and twentieth year of K Ed-S E C T.
 X. ward IV (q). This case was several times formally debated in Court. In those XXXIII.
 debates the Lawyers speak divers ingenious things. But in the main, their opi-
 nions are so uncertain and discordant, that one cannot readily deduce Clear truth
 from them. In short, if the Counsel in the cause had been duely apprized of the
 precedents which the Records of Former ages do afford, there is room to believe,
 that fundry things in those debates would not have been said. I have set-down
 this Precedent here, leaving the Reader to judg, Whether it makes for or against
 the Proposition laid-down in the beginning of this Chapter.

XXXIII. In the year 1284, *Peter Otheci*, *John Mechator*, and many others,
 Citifens of *Clermont* in *Auvergne*, entred into a Bond to *Philipp III*, King of
France, for MMM livres *Turonois*. They bound themselves, their *University* or
Community, & *nostrum quemlibet*, to the payment of it (r).

XXXIV. In

ix d, de firma ejusdem Villæ debita ad di-
 ctum festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli di-
 cto anno quinto, prout per acquietanciam de
 dictis solutionibus dicto Willelmo Coder &
 Communitati dictæ Villæ Bristollia pro parte
 ejusdem Reginæ ibidem legitime factam &
 deliberatam plenius apparet. Et dicit ulte-
 rius idem Johannes Cogan, quod ipse non fie-
 ri fecit nec levavit, nec fieri facere aut levare
 potuit, de bonis & catallis dicti Willelmi Co-
 der Majoris & Communitatis Villæ Bristollia,
 nec Burgensium dictæ Villæ Bristollia, nec de
 bonis & catallis alicujus eorum, nec hæredum
 vel Successorum suorum, nec alicujus præde-
 cessorum suorum, nec eorum alicujus, dictas
 Cii l xvs vi d, nec aliquam inde parcellam,
 ante dictum diem Jovis proximo ante dictum
 festum Paschæ, nec eodem die Jovis, nec un-
 quam inde aliquid habuit in manibus suis an-
 te eundem diem Jovis, nec eodem die. Et
 dicit etiam dictus Johannes Cogan, quod ipse
 non levavit nec levare potuit, de bonis & ca-
 tallis dicti Willelmi Coder Majoris & Com-
 munitatis Villæ Bristollia, nec Burgensium
 dictæ Villæ Bristollia, nec de bonis & catal-
 lis alicujus eorum, nec hæredum vel Succes-
 sorum suorum, nec alicujus prædecessorum su-
 orum, nec eorum alicujus, xxxix l xiii s vi d
 residuos de dictis Cxlii l xs, nec aliquam inde
 parcellam, nec unquam inde aliquid habuit in
 manibus suis, sic quod idem Johannes Cogan
 aliquam solutionem de dictis Cii l xvs vi d, ab
 ipso per prædictum Willelmum Porte in for-
 ma prædicta exactis, aliquo modoolvere mi-
 nime potuit. Et idem Johannes Cogan dicit,
 quod dicta Villa Bristoll[iæ] in dictis Literis
 patentibus dicti Domini Regis nunc dicto an-
 no primo confectis, ac Villa Bristollia in di-
 ctis Literis patentibus dictæ Reginæ concessis,
 ac in dicto brevi de Liberate Curraunt, ac in
 dicta Summonitione Pipæ, ac in dicta tallia
 specificata, sunt una & eadem Villa Bristollia
 & non diversæ. Quæ omnia & singula idem
 Johannes Cogan paratus est verificare prout
 Curia &c. Unde petit Judicium, si prædi-
 ctus Willelmus Porte actionem suam prædi-
 ctam versus eum in hoc casu manutenere de-
 beat &c.

Et prædictus Willelmus Porte, protestan-

do quod non cognoscit aliqua per prædictum
 Johannem Cogan superius placitando allegata
 fore vera, pro placito dicit, quod ipse ad di-
 ctum placitum ipsius Johannis Cogan modo &
 forma prædictis superius placitatum, necesse
 non habet nec tenetur per legem terræ re-
 spondere; unde petit Judicium, & debitum
 suum prædictum unacum dampnis suis præ-
 dictis sibi in hac parte adjudicari &c. Et
 prædictus Johannes Cogan, ex quo ipse suffi-
 cientem materiam in barram & exclusionem
 dictæ actionis dicti Willelmi Porte superius
 placitavit, ad quam quidem materiam prædi-
 ctus Willelmus Porte non respondet, petit ju-
 dicium, & quod prædictus Willelmus Porte
 ab actione sua prædicta in præmissis habenda
 præcludatur &c. Et prædictus Willelmus
 Porte dicit ut prius &c; Et petit judicium
 similiter &c. Ideo ad Judicium —. *After
 divers continuances.* Ad quem diem præ-
 dictus Johannes Cogan venit hic per prædi-
 ctum Attornatum suum. Et super hoc præ-
 dictus Willelmus Porte coram præfatis Baro-
 nibus hic solempniter exactus &c, non est
 profecutus billam suam prædictam hic &c.
 Ideo consideratum est per eosdem Barones
 hic, quod ipse Willelmus Porte nichil capiat
 per billam suam prædictam &c, ac quod ipse
 & plegii sui sint in misericordia Domini Re-
 gis &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 5 Edw. 4.
 Rot. 49. b.*

(q) *Year-book 21 Edw. 4. fol. 8. a; fol. 14.
 b; fol. 33. a; & fol. 80. b. Imprinted at
 London by Richard Tottel, 1556.*

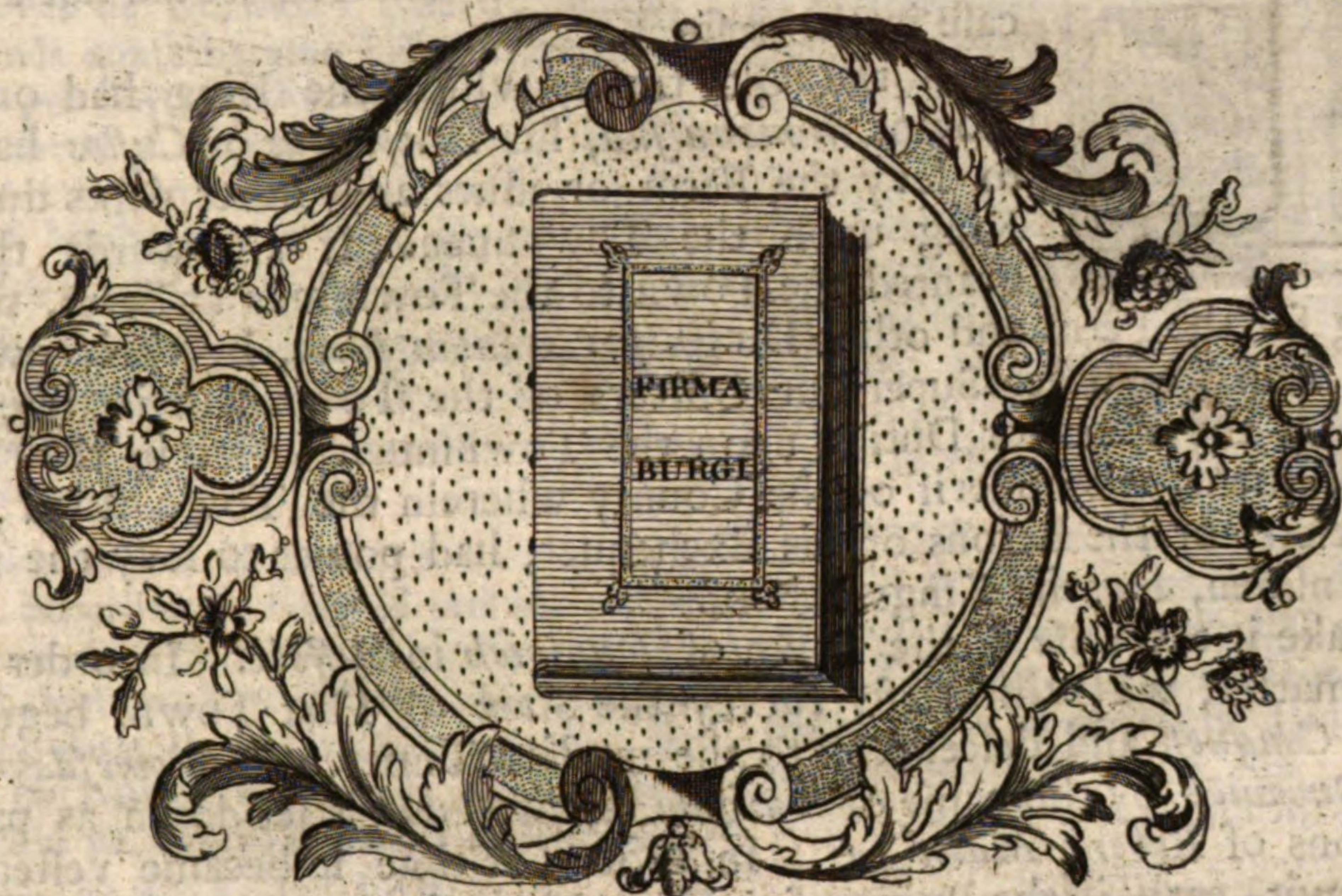
(r) Nos Petrus Otheci, Johannes Mechato-
 ris — and Six others Cives ac Procuratores
 Communitatis sive Universitatis ac Reipubli-
 cæ Claromontensis, & nos Archimbaldus
 Roch (*here followeth a long list of names*) &
 Antonius Mosnerii, Cives Claromontenses, &
 nos tota Communitas sive Universitas Cla-
 romontensis, notum facimus universis, quod
 nos pro nobis & pro universitate & commu-
 nitate prædicta, confitemur & recognosci-
 mus —. Quæ tria millia librarum promisi-
 mus & adhuc promittimus pro nobis & no-
 strum quolibet, & pro communitate sive uni-
 versitate prædicta —. Volentes nos & di-
 ctam

C H A P. XXXIV. In the year 1292, *Adolph* the Emperour, as Superiour Lord, cited the S E C T. X. Citifens of *Valenciennes* to appear before him *ubicumque fuerimus constituti*, to answer in a pleint moved against them by their Lord the Earl of *Haynault*. He cited the Community in general, and also a great number of particular persons by name. The first of That number was *Ægidius* dictus *Faumin*, and the last was *Jacobus de Mons, Carnifex*. And afterwards, for their contumacy in not appearing before him, he Proscribed them in like form, to wit, by the name of the Provost Eschevins Jurates and whole Community of *Valenciennes*, and in particular *Giles* called *Faumin* (naming the whole List of principal Citifens), and *James de Mons Butcher* (s).

etiam communitatem, & nostrum quemlibet, posse compelli a dicto Domino Rege —. *Les Origines de la Ville de Clermont* editore Antonio Durando Viro Clarissimo, p 375, 376, 377.

(s) Nos Adolphus Dei gratia Romanorum Rex semper Augustus, ad universorum notitiam volumus pervenire, quod in querela seu actione quam spectabilis Comes Haynnoniæ

movere intendebat contra præpositum scabinos juratos totamque communitatem Valenchenensem, & specialiter Egidium dictum Faumin (here follow the names of above one hundred persons) & Jacobum de Mons Carnificem —. Datum anno Domini MCCXCII. — regni vero nostri primo. *Thesaurus Anecdotorum Marteni & Durandi Virorum Clariss.* Tom. I. col. 1245, 1248, 1249.



CHAPTER XI.

The Revival and Conclusion.

- I. That Towns were lyable to answer for the Kings Debt After their Incorporation like as Before. An Instance in the Town of Dunwich.
- II. That the Kings of England incorporated their Towns, to improve them, not to defeat themselves of their yearly Ferm.
- III. That the Ferm of Towns arose out of certain locata, which yielded issues or profit.
- IV. To enquire, Who were to enjoy the Franchises of a Town.
- V. To enquire, Who were lyable to bear the Common Burdens of a Town.
- VI. That the King was wont to be a Gracious Lord to the Men of his Towns.

I.



Particular persons members of a Corporate Town were lyable to answer for the Kings Debt before the time of their Incorporation, probably they continue lyable after the incorporation. Their Charters would not alter their case in this respect.

In the Old times, whilst the King had one of his Towns *in manu sua*, his *Præpositus* or *Custos* had power to levy the Ferm or issues and other debts due to the King upon the Townsmen. If afterwards the King granted the Town to the Townsmen at Ferm, to answer to the King for the Ferm and other Duties *per manum suam*, by their own hand; Then, the Bailifs or other Superiour Officers of the Town had in like manner power to levy the Ferm or Duties upon the Townsmen. And in their default, or in Aid of them, the Sherif of the County wherein the Town stood, or the Kings Justiciars, or the Barons of his Exchequer, had power to levy the same upon the Townsmen, for the Kings behoof.

Let us make it the Case of the Town of *Dunwich* in *Suffolk*. In order to illustrate this matter, we will briefly survey the State of That Town, beginning at the *Norman Conquest* and descending to the modern Times. In *Domesday-book* the Town of *Dunwich* by the name of *Burgum de Dunewic* is set-down as parcell of the Possessions of *Robert Malet* (a). In process of time it became vested in the Crown; to wit, early in the Reign of K *Henry II*; and was Then (as it seemeth) parcell of the Honour of *Eye* in *Suffolk* (b). During the Reign of K *Henry II* or great part thereof, it continued in the seisin of the Crown; and its yearly Ferm was Then paid-in by the Sherif of *Suffolk*, as included in the general ferm of That County. In the reign of K *Richard I*, as well the Town of *Dunwich*, as likewise the City of *Norwich* and the Towns of *Ipswich* and *Oxford* were endeavouring, as it seems, to get themselves putt out of the Sherifs Charge, in order to answer their Ferme to the King *per manum suam*. For that purpose, in the Sixth year of K *Richard I*, *Ipswich* Fined to the King in Lx marks (c), *Norwich* in CC marks

(a) *Brady of Burghs* p 4.

(b) *Firma Burgi*, cap. 6. sect. 5.

(c) De novis promissis per H Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum. Homines de Gipef-

wiz r c de Lx marcis, pro habenda villa sua in manu sua, per Crementum Cs per annum de firma, & pro Confirmatione Domini Regis de Libertatibus suis; In th l, Et q sunt. Mag. Rot. 6 Ric. 1. Rot. 4. m. 2. b. tit. Nordfolch & Sudfolch.

CH A P. marks (d), and Oreford in Lx marks (e). The Towns of *Norwich* and *Ipswich* S E C T. I.

XI. obtained That privilege. For in the Tenth year of K *Richard I*, they are put out of the general Ferm of the County, and inserted in the *Terræ datæ* (f). And accordingly do severally answer for their Ferm *per manum suam* (g). In the same Kings reign, the Men of *Dunwich* obtained the like privilege of answering for the Ferm of their Town *per manum suam*. For in the Sixth and following years of K *Richard I*, the Men of *Dunwich* by their comburgeses *Hubert de Tortuse* and *Reginald* son of *Robert*, do accompt to the King for the yearly Ferm of Cxxl and a mark, and twentyfour thousand herrings (h); and in the Tenth year of That King *Dunwich* paid to the Crown DC marks for the Tallage made by *Richard de Gosfeld* and *William de Glanvill*, and xl marks upon the Tallage for reteining of Sergeants (i). After this, K *John*, in the First year of his reign, granted to the Men of *Dunwich* a Charter of enfranchisement and divers privileges. That Charter is set-down verbatim in the *History of the Exchequer* (k). By It the King granteth, that the Town of *Dunwich* should be a *Liberum Burgum*, and should have a *Merchant-gild*, with divers other franchises.

In the Fifth year of K *John*, the Men of *Dunwich* stood charged with an Amercement of M and Lx marks, for sending Corn into *Flanders* [to the Kings enemies], and with other Summs for Tallage, and Fines for Liberties (l). In the Tenth year of K *John*, the Men of *Dunewiz* answered to the King for Fourscore pounds and one mark, the Ferm of their Town (m). In the Sixandthirtieth year of K *Henry III*, the Men of *Dunwich* do accompt to the Crown for C and xxl and a mark, the Ferm of their Town. The usual Allowances were made to them upon their Accompt, and the same Abatement of Rent which had been made

to

(d) Cives de Norwico r c de CC marcis, pro habenda confirmatione Libertatum Civitatis suæ per Cartam Domini Regis Ricardi, & pro habenda Civitate in manu sua, ita ut respondeant de firma debita ad Scaccarium de termino S Michaelis; In th l, Et q f. Mag. Rot. 6 Ric. 1. Rot. 4. m. 2. b. eisd. tit.

(e) Homines de Oreford debent Lx marcas, pro habenda villa sua in manu sua, & pro habenda Carta sua. Mag. Rot. 6 Ric. 1. Rot. 4. m. 2. b. sub eisd. tit.

(f) Norfolch & Sudfolch. Robertus filius Rogeri, Ricardus de Gosfeld pro eo, reddit compotum de CC & quater xx & xl & iis bl[ancis] de firma Comitatum—. Amongst the *Terræ datæ* there is a Deduction thus, Et in Villa de Norwiz C & viii l bl[ancorum], Et in villa de Gipefwiz xxxv l bl[ancorum]. Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 6. m. 1. a.

(g) Cives de Norwiz reddunt compotum de C & viii l bl[ancis] de firma Civitatis Norwici—. Idem Homines [viz. de Gipefwiz] [debent] xxxv l bl[ancorum] de eadem firma [viz. de Gipefwiz] de hoc anno. Sed respondent in tergo. Idem Homines r c de Cs de novo cumento, In thesauro liberaverunt, Et quieti sunt. Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 6. m. 1. a.

(h) Compotus de Dunewiz de dimidio anno vi^o, & de anno vii^o & viii^o & ix^o & x. Homines de Dunewiz, Hubertus de Turtuse & Reginaldus filius Roberti pro eis, reddunt compotum de Lxl & vis & viii d, Et de xii Mil[libus] Allecum sicut ipsi dicunt de dimidio anno vi^o; In thesauro Liiii l, Et in Elem[osyna] constituta Monachis de Eye vil

de dimidio anno, Et Monachis Elyensibus dimidiam marcā & xii Millia allecum de eodem termino, Et quieti sunt.

Idem Homines, prædicti H & R pro eis, r c de C & xxl & i marca & xxiii Mil[libus] Allecum de firma de Dunewiz de anno vii; In thesauro C & viii l—. So the Record proceeds in setting-forth an Account for the Three following years, one year after another. But part of the lines are torn and lost. Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch, Rot. 6. m. 2. b.

(i) Taillagium factum per Ricardum de Gosfeld & Willelmum de Glanvilla. Homines de Dunewic r c de DC marcis de prædicto Taillagio; In th l, Et q f. Idem Homines r c de xl marcis de Taillagio ad servientes retinendos. Mag. Rot. 10 Ric. 1. Rot. 6. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch, m. 2. b.

(k) viz. p 276. col. 2. g.

(l) Idem Homines (to wit of Dunewiz) [debent] M & Lx marcas, pro blado misso in Flandriam; Et [debent] xiii l & iis & iiii d de taillagio; Et [debent] CC marcas & x Ostur[os] & v Girfalc[ones], pro habendis Libertatibus suis; Et [debent] CC marcas & v Millia anguillarum, pro habendo Wrec & lagan, sicut continetur in Carta sua; Et [debent] C marcas, ut Carta de Libertatibus suis eis teneatur. Mag. Rot. 5 Joh. Rot. 19. a. tit. Norfolch & Sudfolch, m. 1.

(m) Homines de Dunewiz reddunt compotum de quater xxl & i marca, de firma Villæ suæ. Mag. Rot. 10 Joh. Rot. 8. a. tit. Norfolk & Suthfolk. The like for the Citifens of Norwiz; Their Ferm Cviii l, Blank. Ib.

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CHAP. to them out of the Kings Royal grace for several years before (*n*). In the S E C T.
 XI. Fortyfixth year of K *Henry III*, the Town of *Dunwich* were charged to the King I.
 for Tallage, and for their yearly Ferm (*o*).

In the Sixteenth year of K *Edward I*, the Town of *Dunwich* was in the Kings hands. The King committed it to *William de Rothyng* then Sherif of the County of *Suffolk*. *William de Rothyng* yielded to the King an Accompt for the issues of the Town in particular; namely, For assised Rents *xii l* odd, for stallages customs &c *iiii l* odd, for customs or duties arising from Bakers and Maltsters *x l*, for Pleas and perquisites of Courts *vii l* and odd (*p*). In the Eighteenth year of K *Edward I* the Town of *Dunwich* was in the custody of *Adam de Toftes*. He yielded an accompt to the Crown of the Issues of it; to wit, for assised Rents, Stallages, Customs, Tokens, Perquisites of Pleas, and Toll (*q*). K *Edward I* in the Twentyfixth year of his reign, agreed to make a Settlement of Eighteenthousand pounds *Turonois per annum* in Lands and tenements, upon *Isabell* a Daughter

(*n*) Homines de Dunewic[o] reddunt compotum de C & *xx l* & i marca, de firma villæ suæ: In thesauro nichil; Et in Decimis constitutis Monachis de Eye *xii l*; Et Militibus de Templo *x s*; Et in perdonis ipsis Hominibus *xl l* per cartam Regis J—; Et in perdonis eisdem Hominibus *xx l* propter deteriorationem villæ suæ, quamdiu Regi placuerit, sicut continetur in Rotulo *xxv*; Et eisdem Hominibus in subsidium amotionis & refectionis portus villæ suæ, *xlvi l* & *x s*, per breve Regis adhuc inter Communia: Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 36 Hen. 3. m. 1. a. Norf. & Suff.*

(*o*) Donewic [debet] *xlvi* marcas de tallagio, sicut continetur in Rotulo *xlvi*. *Mag. Rot. 46 Hen. 3. Northfolk & Suffolk. m. 1. dorfo.*

Homines de Donewic r c de *Cxx l* & i marca, de firma villæ suæ. In thesauro *xlvi l* & *x s*—. Et in perdonis eisdem Hominibus *xx l* propter deteriorationem villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo *xxxv*. Et Quieti sunt. *Ibid. m. 1. a.*

(*p*) Homines de Dunwyco debent *Lxv l* de firma ejusdem Villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo *viii*. Sed Vicecomes reddit compotum de exitibus ejusdem Villæ de hoc anno in Item Norfolcia. *Mag. Rot. 16 Edw. 1. Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 1. b.*

Compotus ejusdem Vicecomitis [viz. *Willemi de Rothyng*] de exitibus Villæ *Dunwyco* de toto hoc anno.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de *xii l viii s iii d*, de redditu assiso ibidem per idem tempus, Et de *iiii l xvs xid ob.*, de minutis stallagiis navibus tonmannescot & kunnescot custuma canabi & litoris maris ibidem per idem tempus; Et de *x l* de custuma pistorum & braciatorum per idem tempus; Et de *iiii l xvis iii d ob.* de signis datis ad portas ejusdem Villæ per idem tempus, sicut continetur ibidem; Et de *vil xii s xid* quadrante, de maër[emio] frumento ordeo avena & bras[io], receptis de *Johanne Dosynge* & fociis suis *Ballivis* ejusdem Villæ, de exitibus prædictæ Villæ a festo S *Michaëlis* anno *xv* finiente, usque ad *xxvii* Novembris anno *xvi*, antequam Rex committeret eidem Vicecomiti Custodiam Villæ prædictæ per breve Regis de eadem data; Et de *vii l viis* de placitis &

perquisitionibus Curiarum ejusdem Villæ per idem tempus. Summa, *Lii l viii s v d* obolus quadrans. In Thesauro *xxxi l xiiis iii d* per *iii* tallias; Et in elem[osyna] constituta Monachis de Eya *xii l*, sicut allocatum est eisdem Hominibus in firma sua de eadem Villa in Rotulo præcedente, Et Militibus de Templo *x s*, Et Monachis de Ely i marca de eodem tempore, sicut continetur ibidem, Et eisdem Monachis pro *xxiiii* Milliaribus allecum quæ percipere debent de eadem Villa, cujus pretium non allocabatur Hominibus ejusdem Villæ in firma sua, sicut apparet per Rotulum *Lv* Regis *H*, & per Rotulos præcedentes, *iiii l* dimidia marca, sicut allocatum est *Ricardo* de *Holebrok* in compoto suo de exitibus ejusdem Villæ in Rotulo *v vi & viii* in Rotulo Compotorum. Et debet *Lxvs id ob. q.* *Mag. Rot. 16 Edw. 1. Rot. 1. m. 2. a. tit. Item Norf.*

(*q*) Homines de Donewico debent *Lxv l*, de firma ejusdem Villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo *viii*. Sed *Adam de Toftes* Custos ejusdem Villæ respondet, in Residuum, de exitibus ejusdem Villæ de hoc anno. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 2. a.*

Compotus *Adæ de Toftes* de exitibus Villæ *Dunewici*, a Vigilia Sancti *Mathæi* Apostoli anno *xvii*, usque ad festum S *Michaëlis* anno *xviii* finiente, sicut supra continetur.

Idem reddit compotum de *xii l viii s iii d* de reddit[ibus] assis ibidem per idem tempus, Et de *Lxxis xd* de minutis Stallagiis *Tolmannescot* Custuma *Canabi* & *Maeremii* per idem tempus, Et *ix l vs viii d* de signis datis ad portas per idem tempus, Et de *xvi l xvis* de perquis[itionibus] pistorum brasiatorum & aliorum placitorum per idem tempus, Et de *xi l viis viii d* de *xvii* quarteriis *iii* buff[ellis] frumenti, *xli* quarteriis *vi* buffellis ordeï, *xvi* quarteriis *vii* buffellis avenæ, *iiii* quarteriis *vi* buffellis brasii de theolonio vendito per idem tempus; Summa, *Liiii l ix s vi d* obolus. In Thesauro *xxxiiii l* per *iii* tallias; Et in elem[osyna] constit[uta] Monachis de Eya *xii l*, sicut allocatum est eisdem Hominibus in firma sua de eadem villa in Rotulo *xv*. Et debet *vii l ix s vi d* obolum. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 1. tit. Residuum Norfolcia, m. 2. b.*

CHAP. Daughter of *France*, who was to be married to Prince *Edward*. The King by a S E C T. XI. Writ of his *Great-Seal* commanded the Barons of his Exchequer to prepare forth-

with a Valuation of certain Lands which were appointed for that purpose. A Valuation was prepared accordingly. Amongst other lands and possessions, there was the Ferm of the City of *Lincoln* and of the Towns of *Grymmesby* and *Castre*, and the Ferm of the Towns of *Gippewic* and *Donewic* (r). In the Twentyfirst and Twentysecond year of K *Edward* I, *Richard* son of *John* and others, Townsmen of *Dunwich*, answered to the King for the ferm or issues of the Town as Committees (s). The same persons as Committees continued to answer to the King for the ferm or issues of their Town, in the following years of K *Edward*

(r) De Valore terrarum assignandarum *Isabellæ* filiae Regis Francorum, quam *Edwardus* filius Regis ducturus est in uxorem. Memorandum quod xx die Julii anno regni Regis *Edwardi* vicesimo septimo, venit coram Baronibus de Scaccario apud *Ebor[acum]* *Walterus* de Gloucestre Escaëtor Regis ultra *Trentam*, & detulit breve Regis in hæc verba. *Edwardus* D g R A D H & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum teneamur nomine dotis seu dotalicii facere assignari nobili *Dominæ* *Isabellæ* filiae Regis Franciæ illustris, quam *Edwardus* filius noster carissimus ducturus est in uxorem, decem & octo Milia librarum terræ *Turonensium*, in locis competentibus infra Regnum nostrum Angliæ, prout inter Nuncios & procuratores dicti Regis Franciæ & nos, interveniente auctoritate Apostolica, est plenius concordatum; propter quod per vos certiorari volentes de vero valore terrarum & tenementorum subscriptorum, videlicet, De Civitate *Lincolnia* cum pertinentiis, de Villis de *Grymmesby* & *Castre* cum pertinentiis —. Vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes, quod statim omnibus aliis prætermis, scrutatis Rotulis & aliis Memorandis prædicti Scaccarii, super vero valore terrarum & tenementorum prædictorum, quantum videlicet quodlibet Manerium per se valeat annuatim, nos sub Sigillo dicti Scaccarii distincte & aperte reddatis, per dilectum & fidelem nostrum *Walterum* de Glouc[estria] Escaëtorem nostrum citra *Trentam*, quem propterea ad vos mittimus, certiores; Ita quod dilectos nobis *Johannem* Vicedominum de *Pynkeny* & *Johannem* de *Sanz* Milites, ex parte Regis Franciæ specialiter ad nos missos, & propter hoc *Londonia* expectantes, die *Lunæ* proximo post festum beati *Petri* ad vincula proximo futurum ad ultimum, per prædictum Escaëtorem nostrum de prædicto valore ad plenum certiorari possimus. Et hoc sicut nos & honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso apud *Cantuar[iam]* xii^o die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo—. Prætextu cujus mandati, scrutatis Rotulis & Memorandis de Scaccario, prædicti Thesaurarius & Barones miserunt Domino Regi per eundem *Walterum*, xxiii^o die Julii anno prædicto, verum valorem terrarum & tenementorum prædictorum, in quodam Rotulo sub Sigillo Scaccarii, præter Manerium de *Lutegreshale* quod est in alia certificatione, in hac forma videlicet,

Valor terrarum & tenementorum assignandorum *Dominæ* *Isabellæ* filiae Regis Franciæ, quam *Dominus* *Edwardus* filius Regis *Edwardi* ducturus est in uxorem, nomine dotis seu dotalicii, pro decem & octo Millibus librarum terræ *Turonensium*, per præceptum Regis ad Scaccarium, ad festum Sancti *Jacobi* Apostoli anno regni ejusdem Regis *E* vicesimo septimo, in forma subscripta videlicet,

Linc[olnia]. Civitas *Linc[olnia]* cum minutis firmis & telar[ia] & Gilda, C quater xx, vi l ix s v d.

Villa de *Grymmesby*, L l.

Villa de *Castre* cum Soca, L l.

Manerium de *Barton* super *Humbre*, Cl.

Manerium de *Folkingham*, Cxx l —.

Valor terrarum & tenementorum assignandorum prædictæ *Isabellæ*, ad perficiendum prædictam summam xviii Mille librarum *Turonensium*, si quatuor denarii *Turonenses* debeant computari pro uno denario sterlingorum, & non mittitur Domino Regi, nec continetur in dicto Rotulo, set traditur dicto *Waltero* in una Cedula ostendenda Regi si necesse fuerit.

Surr[eia] & *Suffex[ia]*. Honor Aquilæ præter Castrum de *Pevenese*, CCCC l.

Norhamt[onia]. Manerium de *Selveston*, xviii l.

Greiton, xxv l.

Falewesse cum *Hundredo*, xxvi l xvi s viii d.

Manerium de *Apethorp*, xl l.

Norf[olcia] & *Suff[olcia]*. *Hundredum* de *Northemppingham*, xiiii l.

Hundredum de *Sutherpingham*, xxv l.

Villa *Gippewyci*, Lx l.

Villa *Donewyci*, xlvii l xs.

Manerium de *Costeseye*, CL l.

Manerium de *Causton*, Lx l.

Kanc[ia]. Manerium de *Westclive* xl l —. *Trin. Communia* 26 & 27 *Edw.* 1. *Rot.* 33. a & b.

(s) *Ricardus* filius *Johannis* & alii Homines Villæ *Donewici* [debent] Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix; In Thesauro nichil; Et in decima constituta Monachis de *Eya* xii l —.

Idem *Ricardus* & alii Homines ejusdem Villæ [debent] xlvii l xs de eadem firma de anno præterito. *Mag. Rot.* 22 *Edw.* 1. tit. *Norfolcia* & *Suffolcia*, m. 2. b.

CHAP. ward I (t), Edward II (u), and Edward III (w). In the Eighteenth year of K S E C T.
 XI. Edward III, Richard son of John and the other Townsmen of Dunwich stand I.

charged to the Crown in Lxv l for the Ferm of their Town (x). In the Fourth year of K Henry IV, the Town of Dunwich was in the Kings hands. The King by a Patent-Letter of his Great Seal dated the Thirtieth day of May in his Fourth year, demised the said Town with its pertinencies at Ferm to Thomas Mowbray Earl-Marshall, during his pleasure; He to render yearly Fourteen pounds ten shillings and nine pence at Easter and Michaelmas, and xx s more by way of increment; with a Clause that if the said Rent was behind by the space of forty days after any of the said feasts, then it should be lawful for the King to resume the said Town with its pertinencies (y). Afterwards Thomas Mowbray Earl-Marshall is charged with the said Rent in the Kings Rolls (z).

K Henry VI in the Thirtysecond year of his reign, by the manucaption of Nicolas Shipman and Thomas Pers Men of Dunwich, did by his Patent Letter committ to the Burgeses of Dunwich the Custody of the Fee-ferm of their Town or Burgh, for the term of Twenty years. The Burgeses were to yield to the King xii l vs v d yearly for the same. And if any body else would give more bona fide for the said Custody then they were to raise their rent ad tantum (a). In the Twelfth year of

(t) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines Villæ Donewycy r c de Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix, Et Lxv l de eadem de anno præterito; In Thesauro nichil; Et in decima constituta —. Mag. Rot. 32 Edw. 1. tit. Norfolcia & Suffolcia, m. 2. a.

(u) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines Villæ Donewici r c de Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix —. Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(w) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines Villæ Donewyci debent Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ —. De quibus Homines ejusdem Villæ respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 3. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

Homines Villæ Donewyci per Thomam Sharp Ballivum suum reddunt compotum de Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo principali —. Ex eodem Mag. Rot. tit. Item Norf. Suff. m. 1. b.

(x) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines villæ Donewici [debent] Lxv l de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix^o Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rotulo viii ejusdem Regis E. Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 3. m. 1. a. Norf. Suff.

(y) Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod, per manucaptionem Johannis Lancastre Armigeri & Jacobi Billyngford de Comitatu Norfolciæ, tradidimus & ad firmam commisimus Thomæ Mowbray Comiti Marefcallo, Villam de Donewych cum suis pertinentiis in Comitatu Suff[olciæ], Habendam quamdiu nobis placuerit; Reddendo inde nobis per annum quatuordecim libras decem solidos & novem denarios, prout alii ante hæc tempora pro firma ejusdem Villæ reddere consueverunt, ad festa Sancti Michaelis & Paschæ per æquales portiones, & viginti solidos ultra annuatim de incremento, æqualiter ad terminos supradictos. Et si

contingat dictum redditum per quadraginta dies post aliquem terminorum prædictorum aretro existere, tunc liceat nobis dictam Villam cum suis pertinentiis in manus nostras resumere, hac dimissione non obstante. In cuius &c. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xxx^o die Maii. Originale 4 Hen. 4. Rot. 37.

(z) Thomas Mowbray Comes Marefcallus debet xv l xs ix d per annum, de firma villæ Donewych[iæ] cum suis pertinentiis in Comitatu Suffolciæ, habend[æ] a xxx die Maii anno quarto quamdiu Regi placuerit, Reddendo Regi per annum ad festa Sancti Michaelis & Paschæ æqualiter —. Mag. Rot. 8 Hen. 4. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 2. a.

(a) Suff[olcia]. Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos quarto die Junii, anno regni nostri vicesimo nono, per Literas nostras patentes, & per certam manucaptionem, commiserimus Burgenfibus Villæ de Donewich, custodiam feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Donewich in Comitatu Suff[olciæ] in manu nostra existentis; Habendum a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc ultimo præterito, usque ad finem decem annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie completorum; Reddendo inde nobis per annum duodecim libras duos solidos & unum denarium, prout dicta firma coram Johanne Merkeham & Johanne Pryfot Justiciariis nostris extendebatur, & tres solidos & quatuor denarios ultra de incremento, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis per æquales portiones, prout in Literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur. Jamque, pro eo quod iidem Burgenfes prædictas Literas patentes in Cancellariam nostram restituerunt cancellandas, ad effectum quod iidem Burgenfes custodiam prædictam habere possint: Nos per manucaptionem Nicholai Shipman de Dunwico in Comitatu Suff[olciæ] Maryner, & Thomæ Pers de eadem Maryner, commisimus eisdem Burgenfibus custodiam Villæ prædictæ, cum omnibus

CHAP. of K Edward IV, the Burgesſes of *Donewic* are charged in the Great-Roll with S E C T.
 XI. xii l vs v d per annum, for the Cuſtody of the Fee-ferm of their Town. The ſaid I.

Cuſtody was committed to them by K Edward IV in the firſt year of his reign, To hold for Twenty years then next. And *Nicolas Shipman* and *Thomas Piers* Mariners of *Donewic* became Security to the King for the true payment of the ſaid yearly Rent (b). K Henry VII in the Twentyfirſt year of his reign committed to the Burgeſſes of *Dunwich* the Cuſtody of the Fee-ferm of *Dunwich* which was then in his hand; To hold from Michaelmaſs then laſt paſt for and during one and twenty years; Rendring yearly to the King for the ſaid Cuſtody xii l vs v d, and xv d more de incremento. Provided, that if any body elſe would give more for the ſaid Cuſtody without fraud or deceit, then the Burgeſſes ſhould pay yearly ſo much as ſuch other perſon offered, if they deſired to have the ſaid Cuſtody. It was alſo provided, that the ſtated and cuſtomary allowances or deductions ſhould be made to the Burgeſſes out of their Ferm. The Burgeſſes found Sureties before the Barons of the Exchequer to perform this Contract (c). And the Burgeſſes

bus exitibus proficuis commoditatibus, libertatibus conſuetudinibus & pertinentiis, eidem Villæ pertinentibus, debitis & conſuetis; Habendum a dicto feſto Sancti Michaelis, uſque ad finem viginti annorum extunc proximo ſequentium & plenarie completorum; Reddendo inde nobis per annum duodecim libras quinque ſolidos & quinque denarios, prout nobis reſponſum eſt, ad feſta Paſchæ & Sancti Michaelis per æquales portiones. Proviſo ſemper, quod ſi aliquis alius dare plus voluerit de incremento per annum, pro cuſtodia prædicta, ſine fraude vel malo ingenio, quod extunc dicti Burgeſſes tantum pro eadem cuſtodia ſolvere teneantur, ſi cuſtodiam habere voluerint ſupradictam. Ita ſemper, quod dicti Burgeſſes habeant deductionem & allocationem, in ſolutione firmæ prædictæ, de omnimodis monetæ ſummis, per nos ſeu Progenitores noſtros alicui perſonæ ſeu perſonis, vel alicui domui religioſæ, vel aliis, ante hunc diem conceſſis. In cujus &c; Teſte Rege apud Weſtm[onaſterium] xii^o die Februarii. Originale 32 Hen. 6. Rot. 17.

(b) Burgeſſes Villæ Donewici debent xii l vs v d per annum, de cuſtodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Donewych in Comitatu Suffolcia in manu Regis exiſtentis, Habend[um] a feſto S Michaelis anno xxxix^o H ſexti, uſque ad finem viginti annorum extunc proximo ſequentium & plenarie completorum; Reddendo inde Regi per annum xii l vs v d, ad feſta Paſchæ & Sancti Michaelis per æquales portiones, per manucaptionem Nicholai Shipman & Thomæ Piers de Donewico in Comitatu Suff[olciæ] Maryners, ſicut continetur in Rotulo ſecundo in Adhuc Item Norf[olcia], & in Originali de anno primo, Rotulo C quarter xx ix. Et reſpondent in Item Norf[olcia]. Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 4. Norf. Suff. m. 1. b.

The tenour of this Commiſſion, made under K Edward the Fourth's Great Seal in the ſaid Firſt year of his reign followeth. Rex Omnibus ad quos &c ſalutem. Sciatis quod per manucaptionem Nicholai Shipman de Donewico in Comitatu Suff[olciæ] Maryner, & Thomæ Piers de Dunwico in dicto Comitatu Suff[olciæ] Maryner, commiſimus Burgeſi-

bus Villæ Donewici cuſtodiam feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Donewich in dicto Comitatu Suffolciæ, in manu noſtra exiſtentis, Habend[um] a feſto Sancti Michaelis ultimo præterito, uſque ad finem viginti annorum extunc proximo ſequentium & plenarie completorum, Reddendo inde nobis per annum duodecim libras quinque ſolidos & quinque denarios, prout nobis reſponſum eſt, ad feſta Paſchæ & Sancti Michaelis, per æquales portiones. Proviſo ſemper quod ſi aliquis alius dare plus voluerit de incremento per annum ſine fraude vel malo ingenio pro cuſtodia prædicta, quod extunc dicti Burgeſſes tantum pro eadem cuſtodia ſolvere teneantur, ſi cuſtodiam habere voluerint ſupradictam. Ita ſemper, quod dicti Burgeſſes habeant deductionem & allocationem annuatim, in ſolutione firmæ prædictæ, de omnimodis monetæ ſummis per nos ſeu Progenitores noſtros alicui perſonæ ſeu perſonis, vel alicui domui religioſæ, vel aliis, ante præſentem diem conceſſionis. In cujus &c. Teſte Rege apud Weſtm[onaſterium] xxiii^o die Septembris. Originale 1 Edw. 4. Rot. ult. viz. 189.

(c) Rex omnibus ad quos &c ſalutem. Sciatis quod, per certam manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario noſtro inventam, commiſimus Burgeſibus Villæ & Burgi de Dunwich, cuſtodiam feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwich in Comitatu Suffolcia, in manu noſtra exiſten[tis], Habend[um] a feſto S Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, uſque ad finem viginti annorum proximo ſequentium & plenarie complendorum; Reddendo inde nobis pro cuſtodia prædicta duodecim libras quinque ſolidos & quinque denarios prout nobis reſponſum eſt, & quindecim denarios ultra de incremento per annum, ad feſta Paſchæ & S Michaelis Archangeli per æquales portiones. Proviſo ſemper, quod ſi aliquis alius plus dare voluerit de incremento per annum pro cuſtodia prædicta ſine fraude & malo ingenio, tunc dicti Burgeſſes tantum pro eadem ſolvere teneantur, ſi cuſtodiam habere voluerint ſupradictam. Ita ſemper quod dicti Burgeſſes habeant deductionem & allocationem annuatim in ſolutione firmæ prædictæ,

CHAP. gesses accounted to the King for the said reserved Ferm, in the *Great-Roll* of the S E C T. XI. Twentyfirst year of K *Henry VII* (d). The said Term of Twenty and one years ended at Michaëlmass in the Seventeenth year of K *Henry VIII*. However in the Twentieth year of K *Henry VIII*, the Burgeses of *Dunwich* stood charged in the *Great-Roll* with the aforesaid Ferm for their Town; And thenceforward were to answer to the King under a New Commission, when they should obtain the same (e). They did obtain a New Commission in the Seventeenth year of K *Henry VIII*. But probably it had not as yet (*viz.* in the said Twentieth year of That King) been produced in the Court of Exchequer, or at least had not yet been enrolled in the Treasurers Remembrancers *Memoranda* or in the *Great-Roll*. For it is certain from the Estreats of the Chancery, that K *Henry VIII*, in the said Seventeenth year of his reign committed to the Burgeses of *Dunwich* the Custody of the Fee-ferm of their Town, To hold to them for Sixty years then next following; with the Proviso *quod si aliquis alius plus dare voluerit* which was usually annexed to Grants of Custodies (f). By vertue or colour of this Commission, the Burgeses of *Dunwich* rendred to the Crown *xii l viii s iii d* yearly, for the Custody of the Fee-ferm of their Town, during the remaining years of the Reign of K *Henry VIII*, and also in the several reigns of K *Edward VI* (g), K *Philipp* and

dictæ, de omnibus monetæ summis per nos seu progenitores nostros alicui personæ seu personis, vel alicui domui religiosæ, vel aliis, præantea concessis. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xvii die Februarii. Originale 21 Hen. 7. Rot. 19.

(d) Burgeses Villæ & Burgi de Dunwich debent *xii l vs v d* per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suffolciæ, in manu Regis existentis; Habendum a festo Sancti Michaëlis anno primo, usque ad finem *xx*ti annorum proximo sequentium & plenarie completorum; Reddendo inde Regi per annum pro custodia prædicta, *xii l vs v d*, ad festa Sancti Michaelis & Paschæ per æquales portiones, per manucaptionem Willelmi Croxton de Dunwico Merchant & Johannis Alrich de eadem Yoman, sicut continetur ibidem, & in Originali de anno primo, Rotulo *xvi*o. De quibus Vicecomes respondent in Item Norf[olcia]. Mag. Rot. 21 Hen. 7. Norf. Suff. m. 1. b.

(e) Burgeses Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico debent *xii l vis viii d* per annum, de feodi firma Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suffolcia in manu Regis existentis, Habend[i] a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli anno *xxi* Regis H vii, usque ad finem *xx* annorum proximo sequentium & plenarie complendorum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum *xii l vis viii d*, ad festa Paschæ & S Michaëlis Archangeli per æquas portiones, per certam manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Regis inventam, sicut continetur in Rotulo *xxi* in Residuum Norfolciæ, & in Originali de anno *xxi*, Rotulo *xix*. Sed non debent inde summoneri, nec de eadem feodi firma a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli anno *xvii* Regis hujus de cætero onerari, Eo quod Terminus dictorum Burgensium de eadem feodi firma finivit in festo S Michaëlis dicto anno *xvii*, sicut supra continetur, Eo etiam quod iidem Burgeses respondent in Item Norfolcia de *xii l viii s iii d* per annum, pro Custodia ejus-

dem Feodi firmæ a dicto festo S Michaëlis dicto anno *xvii*, & deinceps debent Regi respondere per aliam commissionem. Et Quiesciunt. Mag. Rot. 20 Hen. 8. tit. Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 1. b.

(f) Suff[olcia]. Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod, per certam manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro inventam, commisimus Burgensibus Villæ & Burgi de Dunwiche, custodiam feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwiche in Comitatu Suff[olciæ], Habendum & tenendum custodiam prædictam præfatis Burgensibus, a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli proximo futuro, usque ad finem sexaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complendorum; Reddendo inde nobis per annum duodecim libras sex solidos & octo denarios, prout nobis responsum est, & viginti denarios ultra de incremento per annum, solvend[os] ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli per æquales portiones. Proviso semper, quod si aliquis alius plus dare voluerit de incremento per annum, sine fraude vel malo ingenio, tantum pro eadem solvere teneantur si custodiam tenere voluerint supra dictam. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xii die Julii. Originale 17 Hen. 8. Rot. 15.

(g) Burgeses Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico debent *xii l viii s iii d* per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwyche in Comitatu Suffolcia, habendum & tenendum Custodiam prædictam præfatis Burgensibus a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli anno *xvii*o Regis H octavi, usque ad finem termini Sexaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complendorum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum *xii l viii s iii d*, Solvendo ad festa Paschæ & S Michaëlis per æquales portiones, per manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Regis inventam, sicut continetur in Rotulo *xviii* Regis H octavi in Residuum Norfolciæ, & in Originali de anno *xvii*o

C H A P. and Q Marie I (b), Q Elisabeth (i), K James I (k), and K Charles I (l).

XI.

K Charles II in the thirteenth or fourteenth year of his reign, in consideration of the Poverty and Low estate of the Town of *Dunwich*, did by his Patent Letter reduce the Fee-ferm of the Town to Five pounds a year, from thenceforth during his Pleasure; and granted, that neither the Bailif and Burgeses, nor their successors, nor any of the Inhabitants of the Town, should be lyable to pay or answer to Him any further or other Rent than the said yearly Rent of Five pounds. The said King did also by the same Patent-Letter remitt and release to the Townsmen of *Dunwich* all the arreares of their Fee-ferm and Ferm for Custody (m). K James II in the First year of his reign, for the improvement of the

xvii^o Rotulo xv —. *Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6.*
Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 1. b.

(b) Burgeses Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico debent xii l viii s iiii d per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwiche in Comitatu Suffolcia, habendum & tenendum prædictam Custodiam præfatis Burgensibus, a festo S Michaëlis Archangeli anno xvii Regis H octavi (as above in *Mag. Rot. 4 Edw. 6.*) *Mag. Rot. 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. tit. Norfolcia Suffolcia, m. 1. b.*

(i) Burgeses Burgi de Dunwico debent xii l viii s iiii d per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suff[olcia], Habendum & tenendum custodiam prædictam præfatis Burgensibus, a festo Sancti Michaëlis anno xvii^o, usque ad finem termini sexaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complend[orum]; Reddendo inde Reginæ per annum duodecim libras octo solidos & quatuor denarios ad festum Sancti Michaëlis per æquales portiones, per manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Reginæ inventam, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii Regis H viii in Res[idium] Norf[olciæ], & in Originali de anno xvii, Rotulo xv —. *Mag. Rot. 22 Eliz. tit. Suff[olcia], m. 1. a.*

(k) Burgeses Burgi de Dunwico deb[ent] xii l viii s iiii d per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suff[olciæ]; Habendum & tenendum Custodiam prædictam præfatis Burgensibus, a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli [anno] xvii^o, usque ad finem termini sexaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complendorum; Reddendo inde Regi per annum duodecim libras octo solidos & quatuor denarios, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, per æquales portiones, per manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Regis inventam, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii^o Regis H viii in res[idium] Norf[olcia], & Originali de anno xv^o Rotulo xv^o. In Thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 13 Jac. 1. tit. Suff[olcia]. m. 2. a.*

(l) Burgeses Burgi de Dunwico debent xii l viii s iiii d per annum, de Custodia feodi firmæ Villæ & Burgi de Dunwico in Comitatu Suff[olciæ]; Habendum & tenendum custodiam prædictam præfatis Burgensibus, a

festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli anno xvii Regis H viii, usque ad finem termini sexaginta annorum extunc proximo sequentium & plenarie complendorum; Reddendo inde Regi per annum duodecim libras octo solidos & quatuor denarios, ad festa Paschæ & Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli æqualiter, per manucaptionem coram Baronibus de Scaccario Regis inventam, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii dicti nuper Regis H viii, & in . . parte Originalis de anno xv^o, Rotulo xv. In thesauro nichil —. *Mag. Rot. 5 Car. 1. tit. Suff[olcia], m. 2. a.*

(m) Charles the Second by the grace of God &c, To all to whome these presents shall come greeting. Whereas it appeareth unto us, by the Certificate of the Clerke of the Pye in our Courte of Exchequer, that the Towne of Dunwitch in our Countie of Suffolke, was in the yeare of our Royal Predecessor King Edward the first, duely granted to the Burgeses and men of the same Towne, and their Successors, under the yearly Fee Ferme Rent of Sixty five pounds reserved payable to the Crowne; and that afterwards, in respect of the povertie of the same Towne, severall other Grants by way of Custody were made thereof at lesser Rents; and that the last thereof was made by King Henry the eighth our Royall Predecessor in the Seventeenth year of his Raighn, for the Terme of threescore yeares, att and under the yearly rent of Twelve pounds eight shillings and fower pence onely, reserved payable by the Crowne. And whereas by the humble Petition of the Bayliffe and Burgeses of the same Towne of Dunwich in our said County of Suffolke, Wee have been given to understand that the said Towne in respect of the generall decay of Trade there, occasioned by the frequent Invasions and Inundations of the Sea, is grown soe very poore as not to be able to paye or discharge the Fee Farme Rent aforesaid, to us now due and payable by the said Towne, and thereupon have humbly besought us, that wee would be graciously pleased to reduce the same unto five pounds per annum: Know yee therefore, that wee in consideration of the premisses, and with tender regard to the present state and condition of the said Town of Dunwitch, of our especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion, are hereby grati-

CHAP. the Borough of *Dunwich*, and to preserve Good Order Peace and Justice in it, S E C T. XI. and to engage the Burgeses to a Dutiful behaviour to the Crown, did by his Patent-Letter grant and ordain, That *Dunwich* should be a Borough of it self, And that the Burgeses and Inhabitants should be for ever a Body Corporate, by the Name of Bailifs Aldermen and Burgeses of the Borough of *Dunwich*, And that by That Name they should have Perpetual Succession, And be capable of purchasing Lands and tenements, and of Sueing and being Sued in Courts of Law; That they should have a Common Seal &c (n). It hath been said, that King *Charles II* remitted

gratiously pleased to abate remitt and reduce, and by these presents, dureing our pleasure only, do abate remitt and reduce the said Fee-Farme rent now payable to us by the said Towne, unto the annuall Rent of five pounds, to be paid to us in such manner and at such tymes as the said former Fee-Farme Rent was usually paid or ought to have been paid; And to that end wee doe by these presents grant and declare, that from hence forth, untill our pleasure in this behalfe bee further knowne and signified, neither the said Bailiffe and Burgeses of the said Towne, nor their Successors, nor any the People the Inhabitants of the said Towne, shall or ought, for or in respect of the Fee Farme Rent formerly reserved and payable as aforesaid, to pay or answere unto us any more further or other Rent, or annuall payment, then the said yearly Rent or Summe of five pounds, as aforesaid; and our further will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby will and require our High Treasurer of England, Chancellor, Undertreasurer, and Barons, and all other Officers and Ministers of our said Court of Exchequer, and of the Receipt there, for the tyme being, that they or any of them doe not at anye tyme hereafter, untill our pleasure in this behalfe shalbe further knowne or signified, demand levy or receave, or cause to be demanded leavyed or receaved, of or from the foresaid Bayliffe and Burgeses or their Successors, or any the people or Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid, any other or further summe or yearly Rent, then the said Summe of five pounds yearly, for or in respect of the said Fee Farme Rent, reserved and payable as aforesaid, and that they doe, from tyme to tyme, make and give acquittances and discharges for the same accordingly; and further, of our more especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion, wee have pardoned remitted acquitted and discharged, and by these presents for us our heires and Successors, doe pardon remitt and discharge the said Bayliffe and Burgeses of the said Towne of *Dunwich*, and their Successors, and all the People and Inhabitants of the same Towne aforesaid, of and from all arrerages of Rent summe and summes of monny, due or payable, or which ought to have been paid, to us, or to any of our Predecessors, for or in respect of the said Fee Farme Rent formerly reserved and payable as aforesaid, or for or in respect of any other lesser Rent or Rents, reserved or payable upon or

by force of any grant or grants heretofore made of the the same Towne, by way of custody or otherwise, at any tyme before the date of these presents; and to the intent that they and every of them may be thereof freed as aforesaid, wee doe hereby give power and authority unto you the said High Treasurer, Chancellor, Undertreasurer, and Barons of our Exchequer, and to all other Officers and Ministers of our said Court of Exchequer, now and for the tyme being, and wee doe hereby will and require them and every of them, and all others to whome it shall or may concerne, to levy or strike or cause to be leavyed or stricken in our said Exchequer, one or more Tally or Tallies, for the release and discharge of the said arrears of the Rent and Rents aforesaid, and every of them, and alsoe to doe all such further and other necessary Act and Acts, whereby the said Bayliffe and Burgeses, and their Successors, and all other the People and Inhabitants of the said Towne or Burrough, and their and every of their said Tenements goods and Chattells, may bee acquitted and discharged in all things, according to the tenor true intent and meaning of these presents. And these presents or the Inrollment thereof, shall be unto all men whome it shall or may concerne, a sufficient Warrant and discharge for the executing of all and singuler the premisses, according to our pleasure herein before declared; although expresse mention &c. In witnes &c; Witnes our selfe at Westminster, the fifth of January. Per breve de privato Sigillo. *Originale 14 Car. 2, pars 4, Rot. 6.*

(n) Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod nos meliorationem Burgi nostri de *Dunwich* in Comitatu nostro *Suffolciæ* gratiose affectantes, Et volentes quod de cætero imperpetuum sit & erit unus certus & indubitatus modus in Burgo illo, de & pro custodia pacis nostræ ac bono regimine & gubernatione Burgi prædicti & populi ibidem habitantium ac aliorum illuc confluentium, Et ut Burgus ille perpetuis futuris temporibus sit & permaneat Burgus pacis & quietis, ad formidinem & terrorem malorum & præmium bonorum, Et ut pax nostra cæteraque facta Justiciæ & boni regiminis ibidem melius custodiri & fieri valeant & possint, sperantesque quod si Inhabitantes Burgi prædicti ampliora ex concessione nostra gaudere poterint libertates & privilegia, tunc ad servitia quæ poterint nobis hæredibus & Successoribus nostris

CHAP. remitted the said Arreres of yearly Ferm to the Men of *Dunwich*; reduced the S E C T.
 XI. said Ferm to *Cs per annum* during his pleasure; and granted the said reduced I.
 Ferm of *Cs per annum* to *Catharine* his then Queen Consort. K *Charles II*
 died the sixth day of February MDCLXXXIV. The said Queen *Catharine* died
 the twentieth day of December MDCCV. And in the Eighth year of Q *Anne*,
 the arreres of the said Fee-ferm, for one and twenty years then last past amount-
 ed to MCCLx*l* (o).

In short, the State of the Town of *Dunwich* in several past ages hath been
 this. In the reign of K *William I*, it was vested in *Robert Malet*; In the reign
 of K *Henry II* in the Crown. In the reigns of K *Richard I* and *John*, the
 Townsmen held it of the Crown in Ferm. They held it so also in the Reign of
 K *Henry III*; and That King by reason of their Poverty remitted to them part
 of their Fee-ferm. K *Edward I* took the Town into his own hands, and com-
 mitted it, first to a Particular Townsman, then to the Sherif of *Suffolk*, and then
 to certain Townsmen; all which committees successively accounted yearly to the
 King for the issues of the Town. The Town remained in the hands of K *Edward*

stris impendenda & exhibenda specialius for-
 tiusque sentiant se obligatos, de gratia nostra
 speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu
 nostris, ordinavimus constituimus concessimus
 & declaravimus, ac per præsentes pro nobis
 hæredibus & Successoribus nostris ordina-
 mus constituimus concedimus & declaramus,
 quod prædictus Burgus de *Dunwich* in Co-
 mitatu nostro *Suffolciæ* sit & permaneat
 impostero imperpetuum liber Burgus de
 se, & quod Burgenses & inhabitantes Bur-
 gi de *Dunwich* prædicti de cætero imper-
 petuum sint & permaneant vigore præsentium
 unum corpus corporatum & politicum, in
 re facto & nomine, per nomen Ballivorum
 Aldermannorum & Burgensium Burgi de
Dunwich in Comitatu *Suffolciæ*, ac eos per
 nomen Ballivorum Aldermannorum & Bur-
 gensium Burgi de *Dunwich* in Comitatu *Suf-
 folciæ* unum corpus corporatum & politicum
 in re facto & nomine realiter & ad plenum,
 pro nobis hæredibus & Successoribus nostris,
 erigimus facimus ordinamus constituimus &
 declaramus per præsentes; Et quod per idem
 nomen habeant successionem perpetuam; Et
 quod ipsi & Successores sui, per nomen Balli-
 vorum Aldermannorum & Burgensium Burgi
 de *Dunwich* in Comitatu *Suffolciæ*, sint &
 erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus personæ
 habiles & in lege capaces, ad habendum per-
 quirendum recipiendum & possidendum Ma-
 neria Mesuagia Terras tenementa, libertates
 jura privilegia, Jurisdictiones & hæredita-
 menta quæcumque, sibi & Successoribus suis in
 feodo & perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitæ
 vitarum vel annorum, seu aliter quocunque
 modo legali, ac etiam bona & catalla ac om-
 nes alias res cujuscunque fuerint generis na-
 turæ speciei sive qualitatis, necnon ad dan-
 dum concedendum dimittendum & assignan-
 dum eadem terras tenementa & hæredita-
 menta, bona & catalla vel aliquam inde par-
 cellam, ac omnia alia facta & res, fienda & ex-
 equenda, per nomen prædictum; & quod per
 idem nomen Ballivorum Aldermannorum &
 Burgensium Burgi de *Dunwich* placitare &
 implacitari, respondere & responderi, defen-
 dere & defendi valeant & possint, in quibus

cumque Curiis placeis & locis, & coram qui-
 buscunque Judicibus & Justiciariis, & talibus
 personis & Officiariis nostris hæredum & Suc-
 cessorum nostrorum, in omnibus & singulis
 placitis sectis querelis causis materiis & deman-
 dis quibuscunque, cujuscunque sint generis natu-
 ræ vel speciei, eisdem modo & forma prout ali-
 qui alij ligei nostri hujus regni nostri Angliæ,
 aut aliquod aliud corpus corporatum & politi-
 cum infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliæ, habere
 perquirere recipere possidere dare concedere
 & dimittere, ac placitare & implacitari re-
 spondere & responderi defendere & defendi,
 valeant & possint, Et quod Ballivi Alderman-
 ni & Burgenses Burgi prædicti & Successores
 sui, de cætero imperpetuum habeant com-
 mune Sigillum pro causis & negotiis suis &
 Successorum suorum agendis deserviturum,
 Et quod bene liceat & licebit Ballivis & Al-
 dermannis & Burgensibus Burgi prædicti &
 Successoribus suis, Sigillum illud ad libitum
 suum de tempore in tempus frangere, mutare,
 & de novo facere; prout eis melius fieri &
 fore videbitur. Volumus etiam —; *Many
 franchises are granted.* Teste Rege apud West-
 m[onasterium] undecimo die Martii. Per
 breve de privato Sigillo. Originale i Jac. 2.
 pars 6. Rot. 53.

(o) De Hominibus de *Dunwico*, de arre-
 ragiis Lx*l* per annum, parcella redditus Lxv*l*
 per annum, de firma Villæ suæ, per quasdam
 Literas patentes Domini nuper Regis *Caroli*
 secundi, gerentes datam quinto die Januarii
 anno regni sui decimo tertio, diminut[a] re-
 missa & reducta ad *Cs per annum* durante
 beneplacito dicti nuper Regis tantum, vide-
 licet de arreragiis dictæ summæ Lx*l* per an-
 num remiss[æ] durante beneplacito ut su-
 pra, pro xxi annis, a vi^o die Februarii
 MDCLxxxiii^o, quo die dictus nuper Rex
Carolus secundus ex hac vita decessit, usque
 tempus mortis *Catharinæ* nuper Reginæ Do-
 tissæ, cui dicti *Cs per annum*, residui dictæ
 firmæ Lxv*l* per annum, concessi fuerunt ut
 parcella Juncturæ suæ, & quæ obiit xx^o die
 Decembris Anno Domini MDCCV^o; MCCLx*l*.
Mag. Rot. 8 Annæ, in Suffolcia.

CHAP. Edward II, Edward III, and afterwards. K Edward III, in view of their Po-S E C T.
 XI. verty, abated them part of their yearly Ferm. So did K Richard II. Afterwards II.
 K Henry IV, having the Town in his hands, demised it to Thomas Mowbray Earl-Marshall; who held it several years under a rent reserved. Henry VI, Edward IV, Henry VII, and Henry VIII granted to the Townsmen the Custody of the Fee-ferm of their Town, for several successive Terms of years. The last Grant of that Custody, for ought that appears, was in the Seventeenth year of K Henry VIII, and by vertue or colour of It they held the Custody of their Fee-ferm, from the reign of K Henry VIII, to the reign of K Charles II.

Upon this State of things, let any intelligent person judg, Whether the Burgeses of *Dunwich* were not from time to time lyable to be distreined, either *per corpus Corporatum* or *per Capita*, for Debts due to the Crown from their Community.

II. The Kings of *England* made their Towns Free Burghs *ad crementum* or *meliorationem villa*, not to defeat themselves of their Ferme due from the Towns. It appeareth by many of the Charters of the Ancient Kings of *England*, that the great end for which Franchises were wont to be granted by the King to his Towns, was this, To amend and improve the Town, that is to say, to enable the Townsmen to live comfortably, and to pay with more ease and punctualness their yearly Ferme and other Duties to the King. Many of the Charters of Franchise or Confirmation granted by the Crown to Towns and Burghs, are expressly said to be granted *ad emendationem Burgi*.

K Henry II granted divers Liberties to his Citifens of *London*, *ad emendationem Civitatis* (p). To the same End K Richard I granted franchises to the City of *Winchester* (q), and the City of *Lincoln* (r). K John in the first year of his reign granted certain franchises to his Citifens of *London*, *ad emendationem Civitatis* (s). K John in the Ninth year of his reign granted certain franchises to the Burgeses of *Tarmouth*, *ad emendationem prædicti Burgi de Gernemua* (t). K Henry III by his Charter dated in the Eleventh year of his reign, granted to his Burgeses of *Gloucester* several franchises *ad emendandum Burgum* (u). K Henry III granted Liberties to the Citizens of *London*, *propter emendationem Civitatis* (w). K Edward

(p) *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 28. a.*

(q) *Insuper etiam ad emendandam Civitatem eis concessimus —. Brady of Burghs, in append. p 31. c.*

(r) *Insuper etiam ad emendationem illius Civitatis illis concessimus —. Brady of Burghs, in append. p 32. c.*

(s) *Johannes Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ Dux Normanniæ Aquitaniæ & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus Ministris & omnibus fidelibus suis Francis & Anglis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse Civibus nostris London[iæ], quod nullus eorum placitet extra muros Civitatis Londoniæ de ullo placito, præter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis Monetariis & Ministris nostris —. Insuper etiam ad emendationem Civitatis, eis concessimus, quod omnes sint quieti de Bridtol —. Data per manum H Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi Cancellarii nostri apud Soram, xxvii^o die Junii anno regni nostri primo. Originale 14 Car. 1. Rot. 98. viz. per Inspeximus.*

(t) *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 9. B.*

(u) — *Insuper etiam, ad emendandum Burgum, eis concessimus quod omnes sint quie-*

ti de Gyrefgyeve & de scotal, si Vicecomes noster vel aliquis alius Ballivus scotal faciat —. Data per manus Venerabilis Patris Radulfi Cycestr[ensis] Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westm[onasterium], sexto die Aprilis anno regni nostri undecimo. Hil. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 41. a.

(w) *Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ, & Dux Normanniæ, Aquitaniæ & Comes Andegaviæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus Præpositis & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse & præsentī Carta nostra confirmasse Civibus Londoniæ Vicecomitatum Londoniæ & de Middelfexia, cum omnibus rebus & consuetudinibus quæ pertinent ad prædictum Vicecomitatum, infra Civitatem & extra per terras & aquas; Habendum & tenendum eis & hæredibus suis, de nobis & hæredibus nostris; Reddendo inde annuatim nobis & hæredibus nostris trescentas libras sterlingorum blancorum —. Hanc vero concessionem & confirmationem fecimus Civibus Londoniæ, propter emendationem ejusdem Civitatis, & quia antiquitus consuevit esse ad firmam pro trescentis libris —. Data per manum venerabilis patris nostri Radulphi Cicestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westm.*

CHAP. ward I, in the Six and twentieth year of his reign, granted certain franchises to S E C T.
 XI. the Men of *Kingston upon Hull*, for the amendment of their Town, and the im- II.
 provement of the Kings Rents There (x). K *Edward II* in the Ninth year of his reign, granted the City of *Carlisle* to the Citifens in Fee-ferm, at Fourfcore pounds *per annum, pro melioratione Civitatis*, and that the Citifens might for the future with the greater tranquillity and quiet attend to their Traffick, and might be the more vigorously excited to fortify and defend their City, when it was committed to their own Custody. The King also granted to them in aid of their Ferm certain Mills There, and Fishery in the River *Edene*, with other Profits (y).

K *Edward III*, in the First year of his Reign, by his Charter made with great solemnity, granted to the Citifens of *London* several Liberties, *pro melioratione Civitatis* (z). The City of *Exeter* was Ancient Demeane of the Kings of *England*. King *Edward III*, by his Charter dated at *Waltham-crofs* the fixth day of February in the Sixth year of his reign, granted the City of *Exeter* to the Citifens of *Exeter*, To hold to them their heirs and successours, of the King and his Heirs, at Fee-ferm, with all things belonging to the said Ferm, to the end they might live in the greater quiet, and might the better attend their Trade and business (a). K *Edward III* in the Tenth year of his reign made a Patent-Letter of Grant and Confirmation to the Burgesfes of *Gloucester*, *pro melioratione Villa*, and for the greater quiet and tranquillity of the Burgesfes. And K *Richard III* made

Westm. decimo octavo die Februarii anno regni nostri undecimo—. *Per Inspeximus in Originali Cancellariæ 14 Car. 1. Rot. 98.*

(x) *Hist. Exch. p 292. col. 2.*

(y) Cives Karlioli [debent] quater xxl per annum de feodi firma Civitatis Karlioli, quam Rex per Cartam suam xii die Maii anno nono, pro melioratione ejusdem Civitatis, & ut Cives ejusdem Civitatis in eadem Civitate suis negotiationibus sub majori tranquillitate & quiete intendere valeant imposterum, & ad Civitatem illam muniendam & defendendam eo amplius animentur si ipsa Civitas ipsorum custodiæ specialiter committeretur, concessit eisdem Civibus & eadem Carta sua confirmavit pro se & hæredibus suis, & Molendina Regis ejusdem Civitatis ac piscariam Regis in aqua de *Edene*, Habend[as] & tenenda eisdem Civibus & hæredibus & successoribus suis Civibus Civitatis illius, de Rege & hæredibus suis, ad feodi firmam, una cum libertatibus liberis consuetudinibus, & omnibus aliis ad prædictam Civitatem Molendina & Piscariam quoquo modo tunc pertinentibus, vel quæ ad eadem Civitatem Molendina & Piscariam, tempore quo antecessores dictorum Civium dudum de antecessoribus Regis tenuerunt Civitatem prædictam ad feodi firmam, pertinuerunt; Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus suis singulis annis ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis quaterviginti libras imperpetuum. Per quam etiam Cartam Rex concessit eisdem Civibus vacuas placeas infra Civitatem prædictam & Suburbium ejusdem, & quod ipsi & eorum hæredes & Successores placeas illas ædificare, vel aliis committere in feodo seu alio modo, ac commodum suum pro eorum voluntate inde facere possint, in auxilium firmæ supra dictæ; Et quod ipsi & eorum hæredes ac Successores Cives Civitatis prædictæ, quieti sint de theolonio pontagio passagio lastagio, kaia-

gio cariagio muragio & stallagio, de rebus & mercimoniis suis, per totum regnum Regis; sicut continetur in Originali anni ix. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Rot. ultimo, m. 1. b. tit. Residuum Cumbrelandiæ.*

(z) Inspeximus etiam Cartam Domini Edwardi tertii, quondam Regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, factam in hæc verba; Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus, Præpositis Ministris & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos pro melioratione Civitatis nostræ Londoniæ, ac pro bono & laudabili servitio quod dilecti nobis Major Aldermanni & Communitas Civitatis prædictæ nobis & Progenitoribus nostris hactenus multipliciter impenderunt, de assensu Prælatorum Comitum Baronum, ac totius Communitatis regni nostri, in instanti Parlamento nostro apud Westm. convocato existentium, concessisse & hac Carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris Civibus Civitatis prædictæ libertates subscriptas; Habend[as] sibi & hæredibus suis imperpetuum—. Data per manum nostram apud Westm. sexto die Marci anno regni nostri primo. *Per Inspeximus in Originali Cancellariæ 14. Car. 1. Rot. 98.*

(a) — Nos ad requisitionem Majoris & Civium Civitatis prædictæ, volentes ipsorum tranquillitati & quieti & ut negotiationibus suis commodius vacare possint providere, concessimus eis pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, & hac carta nostra confirmavimus Civitatem prædictam, habendam & tenendam sibi hæredibus & successoribus suis ad feodi firmam, cum omnibus ad firmam illam spectantibus, Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus nostris per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum viginti

CHAP. to them a Patent-Letter of Grant for the like end and purpose (b). King Ricard II by his Charter dated in the Nineteenth year of his reign granted divers franchises

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ginti libras, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum S Michaelis imperpetuum, & sustinendo alia onera eidem firmæ prius incumbentia. — *Mich: Communia* 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 35.

(b) Glouc[estria]. De Burgenfibus Villæ Gloucestræ exonerandis de xlv per annum de feodi firma Villæ suæ, prætextu Cartæ Ricardi tercii eisdem Burgenfibus inde confectæ.

Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno octavo Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Angliæ tercii Progenitoris Domini Regis nunc, quod exiguntur ibidem de Burgenfibus Glouc[estriæ] Lii / x s numero pro L / blancorum de firma Villæ suæ, Et de eisdem x / de incremento Villæ suæ, Et de eisdem Burgenfibus Lii s de firma purpresturæ Villæ, Et de eisdem Burgenfibus Cs blancorum de veteri incremento firmæ ejusdem Burgi, Et de eisdem Burgenfibus iis, ut possint emere & vendere in Gildhalla sua ad emendationem Burgi. Compertum est etiam in dicto Magno Rotulo de prædicto anno octavo dicti nuper Regis E tercii, quod Burgenfes Gloucestræ reddiderunt compotum de xlv / xix s iiii d, de rata de Lxv / per annum, de feodi firma Burgi Gloucestræ, videlicet a decimo die Januarii anno septimo finiente, incipiente dicto anno octavo, usque ad festum S Michaelis, per Cartam Regis datam prædicto decimo die Januarii, cujus tenor irrotulatur in Memorandis de anno nono ejusdem nuper Regis, inter Recorda de termino S Hillarii, In qua Carta inter alia annotatur, quod Rex pro melioratione villæ prædictæ, ac tranquillitate & quiete dictorum Burgenfium, necnon per finem quem iidem Burgenfes fecerunt cum Rege, voluit & concessit pro se & hæredibus suis, quod præfati Burgenfes & eorum hæredes & successores Burgenfes ejusdem villæ, haberent & tenerent Burgum illum cum proficuis & aliis pertinentiis suis quibuscumque, de quinquaginta & quinque solidis quos ipsi reddere consueverunt pro dealbatione quinquaginta & quinque librarum de firma dictæ Villæ, & de quinquaginta & duobus solidis pro purpresturis, & de duobus solidis pro emptione & venditione rerum in Gildhalla sua, imperpetuum exoneratum & quietum, Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus Regis per annum ad Scaccarium tantum Lxv /, & non plus, absque alio onere de præmissis; Et quod Centum solidi quos Rex H proavus dicti nuper Regis quondam concessisset Eliæ de Roucestria & hæredibus suis Percipiendos de Burgenfibus Villæ prædictæ, videlicet Ls de dicta purprestura, & Ls de firma dictæ Villæ, allocentur dictis Burgenfibus hæredibus & Successoribus suis in dicta firma sexaginta & quinque librarum ad Scaccarium annuatim, cum de solutione

eorundem Centum solidorum Thesaurario & Baronibus constiterit, & per breve Regis irrotulatum in Memorandis de dicto anno octavo Termino Paschæ, in quo dicta concessio annotatur, Et per quod breve Rex mandavit Baronibus, quod præfatis Burgenfibus & eorum hæredibus & Successoribus in dicta firma sexaginta & quinque librarum, prædictos Centum solidos præfato Eliæ & hæredibus suis concessos allocent, ipsosque Burgenfes de prædictis Lv s pro dealbatione, & de Lii s pro purprestura, ac de dictis ii s pro emptione & venditione rerum in Gildhalla sua, exonerari & quietos esse faciant. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno secundo Ricardi nuper de facto & non de jure Regis Angliæ tercii, in Gloucestria, quod exiguntur ibidem de Burgenfibus Villæ Gloucestræ Lxv / de feodi firma Burgi Glouc[estriæ].

Et modo in Octabis Sancti Hillarii hoc Termino, venit hic Willelmus Francomb nunc Major Burgi sive Villæ prædictæ & Burgenfes ejusdem per Walterum Ruden Attornatum suum, & queruntur se in bonis & catallis suis pro quater xx, x /, videlicet quadraginta & quinque libris inde parcella dictæ feodi firmæ sexaginta & quinque librarum per annum, ab eis ut prædictum est exactarum, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno primo Ricardi tercii nuper de facto & non de Jure Regis Angliæ, usque idem festum tunc proximo sequens per Willelmum Francomb & Johannem Pole nuper Vicecomites & Ballivos Villæ prædictæ, Et xlv / res[iduis] parcella ejusdem feodi firmæ a festo Sancti Michaelis anno iiº dicti ut præmittitur nuper Regis, usque idem festum extunc proximo sequens, per Robertum Coff & Thomam Hart nuper Vicecomites de eodem anno, graviter districtos fore & inquietatos, & hoc minus juste, Quia dicunt quod Dominus Ricardus quondam Rex Angliæ primus post conquestum, fuit seiscitus in Dominico suo ut de feodo & [legendum in] jure Coronæ regni sui Angliæ, de prædicta Villa Glouc[estria] cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, & sic inde seiscitus per quandam Cartam suam cujus data est apud Portesmouth sexto die Maii anno regni sui quinto, concessit & confirmavit tunc Burgenfibus de Glouc[estria] prædictis Villam prædictam, per nomen totius Burgi Glouc[estriæ], cum pertinentiis, tenendum de ipso nuper Rege & hæredibus suis imperpetuum ad firmam, Reddendo per annum quinquaginta & quinque libras esterlingorum, sicut eas solebant reddere, & decem libras de incremento firmæ, ad compotum ad Scaccarium suum in Termino Paschæ & in Termino Sancti Michaelis, prout in Carta prædicta hic in Curia irrotulata plenius continetur. Et licet prædicti tunc Burgenfes Villæ sive Burgi prædicti, & omnes Successores sui nuper Burgenfes ibidem, prætextu concessionis prædictæ tenuerunt & tenuisse

tenuisse debuerunt Villam five Burgum prædictum, a prædicto sexto die Maii dicto anno quinto ipsius nuper Regis Ricardi, usque decimum diem Januarii anno regni Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Angliæ tertii septimo, tam de præfato nuper Rege Ricardo & hæredibus suis quondam Regibus Angliæ post eum succedentibus, quam de præfato nuper Rege Edwardo tertio, per annuam firmam prædictam tantum, juxta formam concessionis prædictæ, Ipsi tamen tunc Burgenfes & omnes Successores sui prædicti, per totum idem tempus onerati fuerunt annuatim, ad compotum suum inde ad hoc Scaccarium redditum, de Centum & novem solidis, ultra prædictas summas quinquaginta & quinque librarum de firma prædicta, & decem librarum de incremento prædicto, videlicet de quinquaginta solidis inde infra quandam summam Lii/ numero ab eisdem Burgenfibus exactarum pro L/ bl[ancorum] de dicta firma Villæ suæ, & de v s inde infra quandam summam Cvs extens[orum] pro Cs bl[ancorum] ab eisdem Burgenfibus similiter exactis de veteri cremento firmæ ejusdem Burgi, Et de quinquaginta & duobus solidis inde de firma purpresturæ ejusdem Villæ, Et de duobus solidis residuis ut possint emere & vendere in Gildhalla sua ad emendationem Burgi, prout in Magno Rotulo de dicto anno octavo dicti nuper Regis Edwardi tertii in Glouc[estria], & in aliis Rotulis annalibus præcedentibus plenius continetur. Qui quidem nuper Rex Edwardus tertius, per Cartam suam cujus data est apud Walyngford prædicto decimo die Januarii supradicto anno regni sui septimo, recitans per eandem Cartam supradictam concessionem prædicti nuper Regis Ricardi primi, præfatis Burgenfibus de firma prædicta in forma prædicta factam, quodque dicti tunc Burgenfes pro quinquaginta & quinque solidis de dealbatione dictarum quinquaginta & quinque librarum, & quinquaginta & duobus solidis de purprestura in eadem Villa, ac pro duobus solidis annuis eo quod ipsi in Guildhalla sua Villæ prædictæ emere possint & vendere, ad Scaccarium ipsius nuper Regis ultra firmam prædictam reddendis usque tunc graviter districti fuerunt & inquietati multipliciter, quo prætextu Villa prædicta non mediocriter tunc pejorabatur, & status hominum Villæ illius depressus fuit in immensum; Et quamvis etiam per Cartam Domini H quondam Regis Angliæ proavi ipsius nuper Regis Edwardi tertii, concessæ fuissent Eliæ de Roffa & hæredibus suis illæ Centum solidatæ redditus in dicta Villa Glouc[estria], quas quondam Gilbertus de Rue & uxor sua tenuerunt, videlicet quinquaginta solidatæ redditus provenientes de quibusdam purpresturis ibidem, & quinquaginta solidi de firma Villæ prædictæ percipiendi, dicti tamen tunc Burgenfes & eorum antecessores, tam eosdem quinquaginta solidos qui de purpresturis prædictis sic pro-

venire debuerant, quam prædictos quinquaginta solidos de dicta firma percipiendos de eadem firma, præfato Eliæ & hæredibus suis prætextu dictæ concessionis ipsius proavi dicti nuper Regis Edwardi tertii usque tunc solverunt, & allocationem inde ad dictum Scaccarium habuerunt, eo quod proficuum aliquod de purpresturis aliquibus in Villa prædicta aliquo tempore nullatenus perceperunt, per quod præfati tunc Burgenfes eidem nuper Regi Edwardo tertio cum instantia tunc supplicarunt, ut tam super gravaminibus & inquietationibus prædictis, quam super allocatione dictorum Centum solidorum præfato Eliæ & hæredibus suis sic concessorum, ne occasione deallocationis eorundem extunc futuris temporibus fatigarentur, remedium apponere dignaretur. Idem nuper Rex E tertius tunc considerans, quod intentio præfati nuper Regis Ricardi Progenitoris sui fuit, & sua tunc etiam extitit, quod dicti Burgenfes redderent eidem Progenitori suo & hæredibus suis tantum sexaginta & quinque libras pro burgo prædicto, ac volens pro melioratione Villæ prædictæ, ac tranquillitate & quiete dictorum Burgenfium & securitate eorundem gratiose providere, necnon per finem quem præfati tunc Burgenfes cum ipso nuper Rege tunc fecerunt, Voluit & per Cartam suam prædictam prædicto decimo die Januarii concessit, pro se & hæredibus suis, quod præfati tunc Burgenfes, & eorum hæredes & Successores sui Burgenfes ejusdem Burgi, haberent & tenerent Burgum illum cum proficuis & aliis pertinentiis suis quibuscunque, de prædictis quinquaginta & quinque solidis pro dealbatione hujusmodi, & quinquaginta & duobus solidis pro purpresturis prædictis, & duobus solidis pro emptione & venditione rerum in Gildhalla prædicta, imperpetuum exoneratam & quietam, Reddendo inde eidem nuper Regi Edwardo tertio & hæredibus suis per annum ad Scaccarium prædictum, tantum sexaginta & quinque libras, & non plus, sicut prædictum est, absque aliquo onere de præmissis sic exactis, Et quod prædicti Centum solidi præfati Eliæ & hæredibus suis sic concessi, dictis Burgenfibus & hæredibus & Successoribus suis in dicta firma sexaginta & quinque librarum, annuatim ad dictum Scaccarium, cum Thesaurario & Baronibus Scaccarii illius de solutione eorundem Centum solidorum constitit, allocentur, prout in Carta prædicta irrotulata in Memorandis hujus Scaccarii de anno nono dicti nuper Regis E. tertii, videlicet inter Recorda de Termino Sancti Hillarii, Rotulo [*a small Blank in the Roll*] ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii plenius continetur. Et dicunt iidem Burgenfes, quod ipsi & omnes prædecessores sui Burgenfes Villæ prædictæ, a prædicto decimo die Januarii dicto anno septimo dicti nuper Regis E. tertii, usque secundum diem Septembris anno regni dicti ut præmittitur nuper Regis Ricardi ter-

CHAP. better for the profit and quiet of the Citifens (c). K Henry VI by his Charter § E C T.
 XI. granted divers franchises to the Town of Gippewic, for the relief of the Townf- II.
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tii primo, tenuerunt Villam prædictam, tam de prædicto nuper Rege Edwardo tertio ac hæredibus & Successoribus suis quondam & nuper Regibus Angliæ, quam de prædicto nuper Rege Ricardo tertio, per prædictam firmam five feodi firmam sexaginta & quinque librarum per annum tantum in forma prædicta reddend[arum], tam prætextu dictæ concessionis præfati nuper Regis Ricardi primi, quam prædictæ concessionis dicti nuper Regis Edwardi tertii, Et per totum idem tempus iidem Burghenses onerabiles & onerati fuerunt versus Regem annuatim ad Scaccarium hic, de prædictis Lxv^l tantum, de feodi firma sua prædicta, prout in prædicto Magno Rotulo de prædicto anno octavo præfati nuper Regis Edwardi tertii, & aliis Rotulis annalibus sequentibus plene liquet de Recordo. Et postea dictus nuper ut præmittitur Rex Ricardus tertius de eadem feodi firma sexaginta & quinque librarum per annum seifitus existens in Dominico suo ut de feodo, & [or in] jure Coronæ regni sui Angliæ, per Literas suas patentes quarum data est apud Westm[onasterium] dicto secundo die Septembris dicto anno regni sui primo, & irrotulatas in Originali de eodem anno, Rotulo xlvii^o, recitans per easdem, inter alia, prædictam Cartam dicti nuper Regis Ricardi primi, datam dicto sexto die Maii anno regni ipsius nuper Regis quinto, præfatis Burghensibus ut præmittitur factam, concessionem & confirmationem prædictas in eadem Carta contentas & specificatas ratas habens idem nuper ut præmittitur Rex Ricardus tertius, eas pro se hæredibus & Successoribus suis imperpetuum de gratia sua speciali, tenore Literarum suarum prædictarum, inter alia, ratificavit & confirmavit. Et insuper ob specialem affectionem quam erga prædictam Villam Glouc[estriam], ac tunc Ballivos & Burghenses ejusdem ipse tunc gessit & habuit, considerationeque boni & fidelis gestus eorundem tunc Ballivorum & Burghensium, aliisque de causis eundem nuper Regem specialiter tunc moventibus, ac pro immunitate tuciorique quiete suis providere volens, de gratia sua speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu suis, per easdem Literas suas patentes remisit & relaxavit, pro se hæredibus & Successoribus suis, præfatis Burghensibus hæredibus & Successoribus suis, quadraginta & quinque libras, parcellam prædictarum sexaginta & quinque librarum eidem nuper Regi ut prædictum est pro firma prædictæ Villæ five Burgi Glouc[estriæ] debitt[as]. Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia sua idem nuper Rex, per dictas Literas suas patentes, concessit pro se & hæredibus suis præfatis Burghensibus, quod ipsi —. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædicti Major Ballivi & Burghenses prædictæ Villæ Glouc[estriæ],

de sexaginta libris parcella quater xx, xl prædictarum, a præfatis Burghensibus de feodi firma Villæ prædictæ ut prædictum est exactis, erga Dominum Regem exonerentur ut pro terminis Paschæ anno primo Regis Ricardi tertii, & Sancti Michaelis & Paschæ anno secundo ejusdem nuper Regis Ricardi tertii, & quieti inde existant prætextu præmissorum. *Hil. Communia 1 Hen. 7. Rot. 34.*

(c) Rex Archiepiscopis &c salutem. Sciat[is] quod propter magnam affectionem quam erga Civitatem nostram Ebor[acum], ac Majorem Aldermannos & Communitatem ejusdem Civitatis gerimus & habemus, ac consideratione boni gestus Civium ejusdem Civitatis erga nos, & gratuiti servitii per eos nobis temporibus retroactis multipliciter impens[is]; Volentes in meliorationem ejusdem Civitatis, necnon pro eorundem Civium ac ipsorum hæredum & Successorum commodo & quiete specialiter providere, de gratia nostra speciali, ex deliberatione & assensu Consilii nostri, concessimus & hac carta nostra confirmavimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, præfatis Civibus & eorum hæredibus & Successoribus imperpetuum, quod dicta Civitas Ebor[acum] cum suburbiis suis ac procinctu eorundem juxta fines & bundas prout limitantur, quæ infra corpus Comitatus Ebor[aci] jam existunt & continentur, ab eodem Comitatu separata sint exnunc penitus in omnibus & exempta, tam per terram quam per aquam, & quod dicta Civitas Ebor[acum] ac suburbia ejusdem & eorum procinctus sint de cætero Comitatus per se, & Comitatus Civitatis Ebor[aci] nuncupata imperpetuum, & quod dicti Cives & eorum hæredes & Successores imperpetuum habeant infra Civitatem prædictam & suburbia ejusdem ac eorum procinctum, per fines & bundas prout limitata existunt, privilegia libertates & franchises subscripta, & eis & eorum quolibet plene gaudeant & utantur, videlicet quod quilibet Major ejusdem Civitatis qui pro tempore fuerit, eo ipso & quamcunq[ue] in Majorem ibidem electus fuerit, sit Escaetor noster & hæredum nostrorum in Civitate Ebor[aco] suburbiis & procinctu prædictis, & quod dicti Cives & Communitas, & eorum hæredes & Successores imperpetuum, loco trium Ballivorum suorum habeant duos Vicecomites in eisdem Civitate suburbiis, & procinctu & Vicecomitatu ejusdem Comitatus Civitatis Ebor[aci], qui quidem Vicecomites in forma subscripta annuatim eligentur & præficientur; videlicet dicti Cives & Communitas quolibet anno de seipsis eligent duas personas idoneas in Vicecomites Civitatis prædictæ, & suburbiorum ejusdem ac eorum procinctus, qui quidem Vicecomites, statim post electionem hujusmodi, sacramenta sua coram Majore dictæ Civitatis qui pro tempore fuerit in forma debi-

C H A P. men, and to enable them to pay their Ferme (*d*). K Henry VII in the Twenti-S E C T.
 XI. eth year of his reign granted several Liberties to the Burgeses of *Leicester*, out II.
 of his affection to the Mayor and Burgeses of the Town, for the better keeping
 of the Peace There, and for the sound government and general good of the Bur-
 geses or Inhabitants (*e*).

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ta præstabunt, & extra Civitatem prædictam ad eorum sacramenta præstanda non transibunt, quorum nomina sub Sigillo communi dictæ Civitatis Ebor[aci] in Cancellariam nostram & hæredum nostrorum annuatim mittentur imperpetuum. Ita semper quod iidem Escaetor & Vicecomites de omnibus exitibus de officiis illis provenientes nobis & hæredibus nostris respondeant ad Scaccarium nostrum & hæredum nostrorum prædictorum, & quod aliquo tempore futuro aliquis alius Escaetor aut Vicecomes in dictis Civitate suburbiis & procinctu, nisi solummodo de seipsis ut prædicitur, non existat, & quod iidem Escaetor & Vicecomites Civitatis Ebor[aci] easdem habeant potestatem jurisdictionem & libertatem, ac quæcumque alia ad officia Escaetoris & Vicecomitum pertinentia, in eisdem Civitate suburbiis & procinctu quas cæteri Escaetores & Vicecomites nostri & hæredum nostrorum alibi infra regnum nostrum Angliæ habent & habebunt; & quod prædicti Vicecomites Civitatis Ebor[aci] Comitatum suum ibidem per diem Lunæ de mense in mensem teneant, eodem modo & prout alii Vicecomites nostri & hæredum nostrorum alibi in eodem regno Comitatus suos tenent & tenebunt; & quod prædicti Vicecomites Civitatis Ebor[aci], & eorum Successores imperpetuum, Curiam suam ibidem similiter teneant, & proficua inde perpetuis temporibus percipiant, prout Ballivi ejusdem Civitatis antea facere consueverunt; Et quod aliquis Escaetor Comitatus Ebor[aci] Civitatem illam aut suburbia ejusdem vel eorum procinctum nullatenus ingrediatur nec ingredi præsumat, ad eorum officia ibidem aliquammodo facienda vel exercenda; & quod dicti Escaetor & Vicecomites Civitatis Ebor[aci] pro tempore existentes quolibet anno profra sua facere, & computare possint, coram Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario nostro & hæredum nostrorum, per sufficientes Attornatos ipsorum Escaetoris & Vicecomitum ejusdem Civitatis, ad hoc deputatos & deputandos per Literas patentes sub Sigillo communi dictæ Civitatis signatas & signandas, de quibuscumque rebus unde computabiles fuerint, officia Escaetoris & Vicecomitum tangentibus, & quod Attornati illi ad profra & compota hujusmodi facienda & reddenda, loco ipsorum Escaetoris & Vicecomitum per eosdem Thesaurarium & Barones, juxta vim & effectum Literarum prædictarum admittantur, absque hoc quod prædicti Escaetor & Vicecomites seu eorum Successores, extra dictam Civitatem ad computandum de aliquibus ad officia sua spectantibus personaliter venire compellantur seu teneantur quovis modo, & quod quilibet Escaetor

dictæ Civitatis qui pro tempore erit, statim post præfectionem suam præstet singulis annis, in absentia Curiarum nostrarum a Civitate prædicta, sacramentum suum de officio illo bene & fideliter faciendo, coram aliqua sufficienti persona infra dictam Civitatem, ad hoc per breviam nostram & hæredum nostrorum, per avisamentum Cancellar[is] Angliæ qui pro tempore fuerit assignanda, absque eo quod idem Escaetor vel Successores sui ad sacramenta sua facienda extra Civitatem prædictam alibi coram aliquo alio vel alio modo venire compellantur. Ita semper quod statim de nomine Escaetoris prædicti singulis annis ad Scaccarium nostrum & hæredum nostrorum, sub Sigillo communi dictæ Civitatis Ebor[aci] certificetur. Concessimus etiam—
Originale 19 Ric. 2. Rot. 29.

(*d*) Rex Archiepiscopis Episcopis &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum dilecti nobis Burgeses villæ nostræ Gippewici in solutione annuæ firmæ, quam ipsi & eorum Successores nobis & hæredibus nostris pro eadem villa solvere tenentur, multipliciter onerati & per hoc graviter depauperati existant ut accepimus, de gratia nostra speciali & ex certa Scientia & mero motu nostris, & ob speciale relevamen villæ prædictæ, ac in supportationem solutionis firmæ prædictæ, Concessimus eisdem Burgensibus & Successoribus suis libertates franchises quietancias & immunitates subscriptas, videlicet, quod villa prædicta sit imperpetuum Liber Burgus, corporatus in re & nomine de Burgensibus ejusdem villæ, & quod Burgeses ejusdem villæ pro tempore existentes sint imperpetuum una Communitas perpetua corporata in re & nomine, habeantque successionem perpetuam, ac Commune Sigillum pro negotiis villæ prædictæ deserviturum, & quod quolibet anno & tempore consuet[o] *they might choose two Bailifs*—. *After divers Clauses it follows*, Et ulterius concessimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris prædictis, eisdem Burgensibus & Successoribus suis prædictis, quod ipsi sint personæ habiles & capaces in lege ad perquirend[um] terras tenementa redditus servitia & possessiones infra villam libertatem suburb[ia] & procinctum prædict[um] & alibi, Habend[a] & tenend[a] sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, statuto de terris & tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edit[o] non obstant[e]. Concessimus insuper—. Huius testibus—. Data per manum nostram apud Westm. xxviii^o die Marcii. *Chart. 24 Hen. 6. m. 16.*

(*e*) Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Insuper Literas patentes Domini E nuper Regis

CHAP. XI. When the King by his Charter or Patent-Letter granted Privileges or Confirma- S E C T. II.
tion to any of his Towns, there was frequently added a Clause of Saving to the King the Ferme and the accustomed Aids and Tallages. Or if such Saving was not exprest, is was to be understood. For the Ferm of a Town was the Kings Inheritance. And the Crown could not be devested thereof without exprest words of Grant or Release. This was the Opinion of the Barons of the Exchequer in a case of the like nature with this. It was in the case of the Tenants of the Priour of *Farley*. Which I will here subjoin. The Town of *Chippenham* in *Wiltshire* was the Kings Ancient Demeane. The Priour of *Farley* had several Tenants in that Town. Those Tenants were tallaged to K *Edward* I and also to K *Edward* II, with the Community of the Town; whereas the Priour alleged, that he held all his lands and tenures in Frankalmoigne, and that his Tenants were not talliable with the Townsmen of *Chippeham*. The Priour complained to King *Edward* II upon his case. The King by a Writ of his Great Seal commanded the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer to Do therein what should be Rightful. Thereupon Searches were made in the Rolls of the Exchequer. And an Inquisition was taken in the Countrey before the Chancellour of the Exchequer. By vertue of the Kings Writ and of the Search and Inquisition aforesaid, the Barons of the Exchequer gave judgment, that the Priour and his Tenants in *Chippenham* be excepted out of the said Fine for the Tallage to K *Edward* I, and be discharged of the said Tallage to K *Edward* II. Afterwards the Barons reconsidered this matter. They declared, that Tallage of the Kings Ancient Demeane is a Right annexed to the Crown of *England*, and cannot be separated from the Crown but by special Deed making exprest mention of it, namely that the King to whom the Tallage belongeth in right of his Crown giveth the Tallage by exprest words, or exprestly granteth Quittance from it. And in regard it appeared to the Barons, that aswell the Priours Tenants in *Chippenham* as the other Townsmen hold their Tenures There according to the Custom of Ancient-Demeane, and Plead in the Court there by the Kings Writ of Right according to the Custom of the Manour; and in regard the Town of *Chippenham* useth to be tallaged when the King tallageth his Demeanes, And in the Priours Charter no mention is made of Tallage: For these reasons the Barons did at last adjudg, that the Priours Tenants shall remain Charged to the King untill they can shew better matter for their Discharge. And they are accordingly Charged in the *Great-Roll* of the fifth year of K *Edward* II (*f*). But

Regis Angliæ quarti Majori & Burgenfibus Villæ five Burgi sui Leycestriæ factas in hæc verba. Edwardus D. g—. Nos autem Literas prædictas ac omnia & singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes & grata, ea pro nobis & hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus & approbamus, ac dilecto & fideli servienti nostro Roberto Orton nunc Majori & Burgenfibus dictæ Villæ five Burgi tenore præfencium ratificamus & confirmamus, prout Literæ prædictæ in se rationabiliter testantur. Et ulterius nos de uberiori gratia nostra, ac ad instanciam & specialem requisitionem dilecti & fidelis servientis nostri Roberti Orton nunc Majoris Villæ five Burgi prædicti, necnon ob singularem affectionem & dilectionem quas penes prædictos Majorem & Burgeneses five Inhabitantes prædictæ Villæ five Burgi gerimus & habemus, ac pro conservatione pacis nostræ, ac sano regimine & pro bono rei publicæ Villæ & Burgenf[ium] five inhabitantium prædictorum augend[o], dedimus & concessimus—. *Originale* 20 Hen. 7. Rot. 51.

(*f*). Wyltes[ia]. Pro Priore de Farleye exonerando.

Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitanniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Querelam Prioris de Farleye Monachorum recepimus, continentem quod licet ipse, per Cartas Progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Angliæ quas inspeximus, teneat Ecclesiam de Chippeham cum omnibus terris & tenuris ad eandem Ecclesiam pertinentibus in liberam puram & perpetuam elemosinam, idemque . . . Prior & Prædecessores sui Priores ejusdem loci terras & tenuras prædictas quietas de omnibus tallagiis, temporibus quibus Progenitores nostri Dominica sua per Angliam tallari fecerunt, a tempore confectionis Cartarum prædictarum semper hætenus tenere consueverunt, Vos tamen prætextu cujusdam finis per Communitatem Villæ de Chippeham prædictæ, coram Magistro Ricardo de Abyndon & Sociis suis ad Dominica Domini E quondam Regis Angliæ Patris nostri in Comitatu Wiltes[ia] talliand[a] assignatis facti, ipsum . . . Priorem & tenentes suos in terris & tenuris prædictis, pro eo quod eadem tenuræ infra

CHAP. as I said just above, in Charters or Patent-Letters of Confirmation made by the S E C T.
 XI. King to Towns or Corporate Communities, the Ferm or other Dues payable to the II.

fra procinctum Villæ prædictæ existunt, ad contribuendum cum Hominibus dictæ Villæ ad finem prædictum, ac si eadem tenuræ tunc Dominica ipsius Patris nostri fuissent, & iidem Homines eidem Patri nostro talliabiles extitissent & hætenus ad opus ejusdem talliari consuevissent, necnon ad præstandum nobis tallagium de tempore quo Dominica nostra per Angliam postmodum fecimus talliari, distringi & ipsos ea occasione per Summonitionem dicti Scaccarii multipliciter inquietari facitis, minus juste, in ipsius.. Prioris & tenentium suorum prædictorum dispendium non modicum & gravamen, & contra tenorem Cartarum prædictarum. Et quia eidem.. Priori & tenentibus suis prædictis injuriari nolumus in hac parte, Vobis mandamus, quod scrutatis Rotulis & Memorandis dicti Scaccarii de tallagiis hujusmodi, tam de tempore Patris nostri quam nostro, factaque super hoc si necesse fuerit diligenti Inquisitione, si vobis constare poterit ipsos.. Priorem & tenentes suos prædictos in tenuris prædictis hætenus a tempore confectionis Cartarum prædictarum talliatis non fuisse, tunc ipsos Priorem & tenentes suos prædictos, tam de contributione facienda ad finem prædictum de tempore Patris nostri, quam de tallagio nobis præstando tempore nostro quietos esse faciatis. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xiii^o die Octobris, anno regni nostri decimo nono.— *The Priour came into Court, shewed forth a Charter of King Henry III, and Prayed to be discharged of the Tallage. Several Searches were made in the Rolls of the Kings Exchequer.* Et non est compertum ex scrutinio Rotulorum quod idem Prior seu tenentes sui de dicta Villa de Chippenham extiterunt talliati ante dictum annum xxxii^m. Et quia videtur expediens esse quod Curia certoretur, si videlicet dictus Prior vel Prædecessores sui dictis annis xxxii^o & vi^o tenuerunt aliqua terras seu tenementa in Chippenham alia quam ea quæ Prædecessori suo data fuerunt per Cartam prædictam tamquam Ecclesiæ de Chippenham quam dictus Prior tenet in proprios usus, seu tenentes habuerunt ibidem alios quam de eadem tenura, & si idem Prior vel Prædecessores sui seu eorum tenentes cum Communitate Villæ de Chippenham dictum finem xx l coram præfato Magistro Ricardo & Sociis suis fecerunt necne, & per quos, & pro quibus tenuris vel mobilibus dictus finis factus fuit, & similiter si prædictus Willelmus Kute Thomas le Bruter & alii præscripti prædicto anno sexto fuerunt tenentes ipsius Prioris de tenura prædicta necne, Concordatum est quod inquiratur inde. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies xviii, tam Milites quam alios probos & legales homines de visneto de Chippenham, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, qui nec &c, ad

certificandum inde &c; & idem dies datus est præfato Priori; & concessum est ei quod interim habeat respectum—. Ad quem diem dictus Prior venit; & Vicecomes retornavit breve de Inquisitione; Juratores tamen non venerunt. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distringat eos per terras &c, Ita &c in xv Sancti Michaelis, vel coram Magistro Roberto de Ayleston Cancellario hujus Scaccarii si prius &c. Et idem dies datus est præfato Priori &c. Ad quem diem idem Prior venit hic; & præfatus Robertus de Ayleston misit hic Inquisitionem coram eo captam super præmissis apud Hungerford die Lunæ proximo post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, anno vicesimo Regis nunc, per sacramentum Johannis de Bradenestoke & aliorum, prout plenius patet in Inquisitione prædicta, quæ est inter Inquisitiones retornatas ad Scaccarium hic eodem anno vicesimo, per quam compertum est quod Prior de Farleya nec Prædecessores sui anno tricesimo secundo Regis E. Patris Regis nunc, & anno hujus Regis sexto, aliqua terras & tenementa in Chippeham Roudon & Lokkeswell tenuerunt præter ea tenementa quæ sunt annexa Ecclesiæ de Chippeham per Cartam Regis Henrici, quam Ecclesiam dictus Prior tenet in proprios usus, & tenentes qui de eadem tenura tenuerunt, & quod nec idem Prior neque Prædecessores sui neque eorum tenentes finem xx librarum cum Communitate Villæ de Chippeham coram Magistro Ricardo de Abyndon & Sociis suis fecerunt, set quod finis ille factus fuit per tenentes Domini Petri de la Hoeuse pro tenuris & mobilibus suis in Villis prædictis, & quod Willelmus Kuyte Thomas le Bruther & alii infra Recordum contenti, dicto anno sexto fuerunt tenentes ipsius Prioris de tenura Ecclesiæ prædictæ de Chippenham annexa. Et deliberato super præmissis per Barones, consideratum est, prætextu brevis Regis Scrutini & Inquisitionis prædictorum, quod prædictus Prior & tenentes sui in Chippenham excipiantur in exactione xx l prædictarum, & quod eadem xx l exigantur de cætero de Communitate Villæ de Chippenham Roudon & Lokkeswelle, de fine pro tallagio suo anno xxxii^o, præter Priorem de Farleye & tenentes suos in Chippenham, Et similiter quod prædictus Prior Willelmus Kute & alii tenentes sui in Chippeham prædicti exonerentur de summis ab eo exactis de dicto tallagio assesso anno sexto, & inde quieti existant. Postea discussio diligentius negotio prædicto cum deliberatione pleniori, & considerato quod tallagium in locis qui sunt de antiquo Dominico Regis est mere annexum Coronæ Angliæ, & quod videtur non posse aliquo modo separari a Corona &c, nisi per speciale factum quod expressam facit mentionem inde, videlicet quod Dominus Rex, cujus tallagium est de jure

CHAP. the King were sometimes *ex majori cautela* Salved to the Crown by exprefs words. S E C T.

XI. K *Henry III* granted to the Men of *Brideport* that their Town should be a Free II.

Burgh (with other Liberties); Saving to the King and his heirs the Rights belonging to him in the said Town, and all other Services due to the King from the said Town as from his Free Burgh (g). K *Edward III* in the Sevenandfortieth year of his Reign made the Town of *Bristol* a County of itself, separate from the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and granted to the Townsmen several franchises; Provided, they do answer to the King yearly for his Firms and other Dues (h). K *Richard II* by his Charter made in the Twentysecond year of his reign, granted several franchises to the Burgeſſes of *Oswaldestre*, Provided that the Bailifs of the Town be Accomptable to the King his heirs and ſucceſſours for Fines amerciaments and other Profits of the said Town due to the Crown, in ſuch manner as they were before the making of the ſaid Charter (i).

If

Coronæ ſuæ &c, dederit tallagium per expreſſa verba, aut etiam expreſſe conceſſerit quietanciam de tallagio &c, ac etiam quod teſtatum eſt per Vicecomitem Comitatus prædicti & alios de partibus illis, quod tam tenentes prædicti Prioris quam alii de Villa prædicta tenent tenuras ſuas ibidem ſecundum conſuetudinem antiquorum Dominorum, & placitant in Curia ibidem per breve Regis de recto ſecundum conſuetudinem Mannerii, & per ſcrutinium Rotulorum &c invenitur, quod prædicta Villa de Chippenham ſolet talliari quando Reges talliarunt Dominica ſua &c, Et in Carta dicti Prioris non fit aliqua mentio de tallagio, videtur conſultius eſſe pro ſtatu Domini Regis in hac parte, quod ſupradicti tenentes dicti Prioris remaneant onerati verſus Dominum Regem quouſque docuerint ex præmiſſis quod quieti eſſe debeant &c. *In the Margin is written in a coeval hand,* In Rotulo quinto Regis E filii Regis hujus Tenentes onerantur. *Mich. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 33. a.*

(g) *Hiſt. Excheq. p 290. col. 2. u.*

(h) De Comitatu Bristollia commiſſo. Rex omnibus ad quos &c ſalutem. Sciatis quod cum octavo die Auguſti proximo præterito, inter cæteras libertates & quietancias dilectis nobis Burgenſibus Villæ noſtræ Bristollia per cartam noſtram conceſſas, conceſſerimus eiſdem quod dicta Villa Bristollia cum Suburbiiſ ſuis, & procinctu eorundem juxta fines & bundas prout limitata exiſtunt, de Comitatus Glouceſtria & Somerſetæ ſeparata ſit pariter & in omnibus exempta, tam per terram quam per aquam, & quod ſit Comitatus per ſe, & Comitatus Bristollia nuncupata imperpetuum, & quod dicti Burgenſes & eorum hæredes & Succeſſores imperpetuum habeant unum Vicecomitem, in eiſdem Villa Suburbiiſ & procinctu in forma ſubſcripta eligendum & præficiendum, videlicet dicti Burgenſes & Communitas quolibet anno de ſeiſis eligent tres perſonas, quarum nomina ſub Sigillo communi dictæ Villæ Bristollia in Cancellariam noſtram & hæredum noſtrorum annuatim mittent imperpetuum, & de ipſis tribus nos & hæredes noſtri vel Conſilium noſtrum aut hæredum noſtrorum, noſtri & ipſo-

rum nomine, unum ſingulis annis imperpetuum in Vicecomitem dictorum Villæ Bristollia ſuburbiorum & procinctus eligemus, & per Literas noſtras patentes ſub Magno Sigillo noſtro præficiemus, per annum duntaxat duraturum], prout in Carta noſtra prædicta plenius continetur. Ac Major & Communitas Villæ prædictæ, de Communi aſſenſu ſuo elegerunt de ſeiſis Johannem Viel Willelmum Coumbe & Adam Feltere, & nomina eorundem electorum nobis in Cancellaria noſtra ſub Sigillo Communi dictæ Villæ miſerint, ad unum ipſorum trium in Vicecomitem Bristollia per nos in forma prædicta præficiendum. Nos de fidelitate præfati Johannis Viel confidentes, commiſſimus ei dictum Comitatum noſtrum Bristollia cum pertinentiis, cuſtodiendum per unum annum; Ita quod firmas debitas nobis reddat annuatim, & de debitis noſtris ac omnibus aliis ad officium Vicecomitis dicti Comitatus Bristollia ſpectantibus nobis reſpondeat ad Scaccarium noſtrum. In cujus &c. Teſte Rege apud Weſtmonaſterium] primo die Octobris. *Originale 47 Edw. 3. Rot. 6.*

(i) Rex Archiepiſcopis &c ſalutem. Sciat ſis quod cum villa de Oswaldestre infra Principatum noſtrum Ceſtria in Marchia inter Angliam & Walliam ſituata exiſtat, ac de tempore quo non exiſtat memoria de omnimodis libertatibus Villæ & Burgo mercatorio pertinentibus privilegiata extitit & adhuc exiſtat, ut accepimus; Nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, & pro melioratione villæ prædictæ, ac ad ſupplicationem Burgenſium eiſdem Villæ, conceſſimus pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris, eiſdem Burgenſibus & eorum hæredibus & ſucceſſoribus Burgenſibus eiſdem Villæ, quod in eodem Burgo per commune conſilium Villatæ eligant duos de legalioribus & discretioribus de Burgenſibus, ad cuſtodiendum placita Coronæ & alia quæ ad nos & Coronam noſtram pertinent in eodem Burgo, & ad videndum quod Præpoſiti Burgi illius juſte & legitime tractent tam pauperes quam divites—; *Divers Franchiſes are granted and confirmed. It endeth thus,* Et quod per totam terram & poteſtatem noſtram habeant & teneant omnes & ſingulas libertates & liberas conſuetudines ſuas approbatas & hætenus rationabiliter

CHAP. If the Kings Charter of Incorporation or Franchise exempted Particular Towns- S E C T.
 XI. men from paying their Ferme, or made it either impracticable or difficult for the III.
 King to recover it when it was in arere; That would be in effect repugnant to
 the Charter, and would defeat the end and design of it.

III. It is to be understood, that in Former times the Kings of *England* were not wont to reserve to themselves a Rent or Ferme out of an airy or Barren Franchise. The yearly Ferme of Towns arose out of certain *locata* or demised things that yielded Issues or profit. Insomuch that when a Town was committed to a Sherif Farmer or *Custos*, such Farmer or *Custos* well knew how to raise the Ferme out of the ordinary issues of the Town, with an overplus of profit to himself. For example. The Men of the City of *Carlile* profered a Fine to K *John*, to have their City at the ancient Ferme and Lxs increment. *William de Stutevill* Sherif of *Cumberland* counterfined against the said Men. *William* prevailed. The King committed the Town to him. There was at the same time the like Profering and Counterprofering between *William de Stutevill*, and the Men of the several Towns of *Penred*, *Languadeby*, *Salkil* and *Scoteby* in the County of *Cumberland*. *William* prevailed. And these Towns also were committed to Him; He rendring to the King the ancient Fermes and the profered increments (k). The ordinary issues of Towns were commonly in value more than sufficient to make-up the yearly Ferme. But if perchance those issues fell short (which seldom hapned), then the Ferme was to be raised amongst the Townsmen by collect or contribution. And they who were bound to contribute to these and such-like prestations or payments were said to be *in lotto* or *ad geldum* & *scottum*. More particularly, as to the Issues of Towns; Formerly, they consisted of divers things, according to the Situation and Productions of the Town; As, in Assised Rents, in Pleas, Perquisites, Custome of goods, Fairs, Markets, Stallage, Aldermanries, Tolls, Wharfage, &c. Of these things some instances may be here sett-down.

1. In the Fourteenth year of K *John*, certain land called the Demeane of *Grimesbi*, and the meadows and pastures belonging thereto, yielding xls a-year, made part of the Ferm of *Grymmesby* (l). And in the Two and twentieth year of K *Henry III*, the Mills of *Grymesby* were extended or valued, as making part of the Ferm of the Town (m).

2. In

tionabiliter usitatas, quas habent præfati Bur-
 genfes dictæ Villæ Salopiæ. Proviso sem-
 per, quod iidem Ballivi dictæ Villæ de Of-
 waldestre pro tempore existentes, de finibus
 amerciamenis & exitibus forisfactis ibidem
 emergentibus sive provenientibus, & de aliis
 proficuis ejusdem Villæ de Oswaldestre nobis
 debitis, nobis & hæredibus nostris de tem-
 pore in tempus computabiles existant, prout
 ante confectionem præsentis Cartæ nostræ
 esse consueverunt sicut prædictum est. Hiis
 testibus, Venerabilibus patribus Rogero Can-
 tuar[iensi] totius Angliæ Primate, Ricardo
 Ebor[acensi] Angliæ Primate Archiepiscopis,
 R London[iensi], W Wynton[iensi], E Exon[iensi]
 Cancellario nostro, G Menevensi
 Thesaurario nostro Episcopis, Johanne Lan-
 castriæ, Edmundo Eboraci Ducibus, Avun-
 culis nostris carissimis, Johanne Marchione
 Dorsetæ, Johanne Sar[esburien]si, Thoma Glou-
 cestriæ, Willelmo Lescrop Wiltes[cire] Cam-
 merario nostro Comitibus, Ricardo Clifford
 Custode Privati Sigilli nostri, & aliis. Data
 per manum nostrum apud Westm[onasterium]
 xiiii die Augusti. Originale 22 Ric. 2. Rot. 50.

(k) *Hist. Exch.* p. 358. col. 1. l. m.

(l) Robertus de Basingeburne [debet]
 unum palefridum, pro habendo ad feodi fir-
 mam dominico de Grimesbi, cum pratis &
 pasturis ad illud dominicum pertinentibus;
 Reddendo inde annuatim ad firmam Villæ de
 Grimesbi debitam firmam, scilicet xl solidos;
 Salvis Hominibus villæ bladis ejusdem terræ
 usque ad festum S Michaëlis. *Mag. Rot.* 14
Job. Rot. 12. b. tit. Lincollschr[e].

(m) Abbati de Grymesby. Rex eidem
 Abbati & Conventui. Constat nobis per in-
 spectionem Rotulorum Scaccarii nostri, quod
 Dominus H Rex avus noster non solum de
 Molendinis nostris de Grymesby, set de toto
 redditu assiso dicti Manerii, nomine decimæ
 contulit Domui vestræ xl, annuatim perci-
 piendas per manus ballivorum nostrorum, de
 firma Villæ nostræ de Grymesby, infra quas
 xl fuit computata Decima dictorum Molen-
 dinorum quæ sunt extensa infra firmam præ-
 dictæ Villæ nostræ. Et quia Rector Eccle-
 siæ beatæ Mariæ de Grymesby de novo exi-
 git a prædictis ballivis nostris decimas dicto-
 rum Molendinorum nostrorum, quas vos de
 dono Avi nostri percipitis annuatim ut præ-
 missum est, Vobis mandamus, quod deficiat
 prædictas

CHAP. 2. In the Fortieth year of K Henry III, Philipp Luvel and Edward de West-S E C T.
 XI. minstre stood charged to the King with the issues of the City of London, which III.
 had then lately been taken into the Kings hand for breach of the Assises. But they were acquitted, because the King had restored the City to the Citifens, before the said Philipp and Edward had received any of the said issues (n).

3. In the Fortyninth year of K Henry III, Toll and other Duties to be taken at Doggedich, and Tronage in the City of Lincoln, did belong to the Ferme of the Town of Lincoln, as the Bailifs of Lincoln alleged (o).

4. In the Fiftysecond year of K Henry III, Alan la Zuch came into the Exchequer, and acknowledged that he had received Lxiii l xi d, out of the Issues of the City of London, towards his maintenance during the time that he was the Kings Custos of the City and Tower of London (p).

5. In or about the Fiftyfifth year of K Henry III, the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, by the Kings command, calling before them the Citifens Sherifs and other Discreet men of the City of London, did diligently enquire at what expense the Custodes or Wardens of the City (which was at That time in the Kings hand), and their Clerks and Servants, might be maintained by the year, as well in victuals as in robes wages and other necessaries. It was Found, that they might reasonably be maintained for Cxlvi l and one mark a-year. Thereupon the Treasurer and Barons Ordered, That the said Custodes should be Allowed upon their Accompt to the amount of the said summ yearly, out of the Issues of the City. And they were Allowed the same accordingly (q).

6. In the City of Canterbury the Aldermanships yielded some yearly profit. For in the year of Our Lord 1278, the Abbot and Convent of St Austin at Canterbury granted and demised the Aldermanry of Westgate in That City to Nicolas Doge, To hold of the Abbot and convent for ever, Rendring yearly xl, to be paid at Treasury of the Abbey (r).

7. In the Fiftysixth year of K Henry III, the yearly issues of the Town of Dunwich in Suffolk consisted in Assise-rents, Toll of the Market, Pleas and perquisites, and other things (s).

8. In

prædictas decimas percipitis, suscipiatis in vos defensionem illarum decimarum contra dictum Rectorem prædictæ Ecclesiæ; alioquin si evictæ fuerint a nobis vel ballivis nostris dictæ decimæ, illas eisdem solvi faciemus, & illarum valorem de prædictis xl nostris, quas percipitis nomine decimarum, deduci faciemus. Teste A Thesaurario sancti Pauli Londoniæ xx^o die Julii. Memoranda 22 Hen. 3. Rot. 11. b.

(n) Philippus Luvel & Eadwardus de Westm[instre] debent . . . de exitibus Civitatis Londoniæ captæ in manum Regis pro transgressione assisarum. Set non debent inde summoneri, quia eandem Civitatem liberaverunt civibus ejusdem Civitatis per præceptum Regis, antequam aliquid de exitibus recepissent. Mag. Rot. 40 Hen. 3. tit. Londonia & Middelfexia, m. 1. dorso.

(o) Linc. Mandatum est Vicecomiti, quod venire &c a die Paschæ in xv dies Nicholaum Ruffel and Thre otherz de Villa de Lafford [or Lasford], ad respondendum Ballivis Lincolnæ quare non permittunt eos capere tholnetum & alias consuetudines apud Doggedich, sicut eas capere consueverunt, tanquam pertinentes ad firmam Villæ Lincolnæ, ut dicunt, sicut &c. Hil. Communia 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. b.

Linc. Monstraverunt Regi Willelmus de Helgat & Ivo Ruffel Ballivi sui Linc[olnæ], quod Henricus de Askeby Nicholaus Buf. de Stowa & Henricus de Perpunt Ballivi R Linc[olnensis] Episcopi levaverunt tronagium in nundinis de Stowa, ad nocumentum tronagii quod prædicti Cives Linc[olnæ] habent [virtute] Cartarum &c, tanquam pertin[ens] ad firmam Civitatis prædictæ, quibus hætenus usi sunt. Et ideo mandatum est Vicecomiti, quod si prædicti Willelmus & Ivo fecerint ipsum securum &c, tunc venire faciat &c prædictos Henricum & alios, ad respondendum Regi & prædictis Ballivis de transgressione prædicta. Hil. Communia 49 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. b.

(p) Recognitio Alani la Zuch. Idem recognovit se recepisse de exitibus Civitatis Londoniæ per manus Ballivorum ejusdem Lxiii l xi d, in partem sustentationis suæ tempore quo fuit Custos prædictæ Civitatis & Turris ejusdem. Memoranda 52 Hen. 3. Rot. 14. b.

(q) Hist. Exch. p 674. col. 2. a.

(r) Thorn inter x Scriptores Angliæ, col. 1926. n. 60.

(s) Suffolcia. Pro Rege. Præceptum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat &c in crastino Nati-

CHAP. 8. In the Two and twentieth year of K Edward I, the ordinary Issues of S E C T.
 XI. the Town of Oxford consisted in certain Rents under the Town-walls and under III.
 the Common Hall, and a certain Rent called Basket Stallage &c (t).

9. In the Twentythird year of K Edward I, the Issues of the City of York consisted of Assised and other Rents, Stallage, Tolls, Profits of Fairs, Customes, Pleas and Perquisites &c (u).

Nativitatis S Johannis Baptistæ viii, probos & legales Homines Villæ de Donewyco, & viii probos & legales Homines de visneto ejusdem Villæ, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, & qui nulla affinitate attingant Philippum de Bocland tunc custodem Regis ejusdem Villæ, vel Robertum Bernard & alios Ballivos sub eodem Philippo in eadem Villa, ad certificandum Barones prædictos, quos exitus iidem Philippus & Ballivi sui receperunt de eadem Villa, tam in rebus assisis, theoloneo fori, placitis & perquisitionibus, quam in aliis exitibus quibuscunque, a xviii^o die Maii anno Regni Regis Liiii^o, quo die Rex commisit eidem Philippo custodiam ejusdem Villæ, usque ad xviii diem Aprilis proximo præteritum, antequam Rex reddiderat eandem Villam Burgensibus ejusdem; Et etiam quid prædicti Philippus & Ballivi receperunt a diversis debitoribus Regis in eadem Villa per extractas Summonitionum Scaccarii prædicti, tam in denariis quam vinis & aliis cattallis, ratione debitorum quæ super eos veniunt in Summonitione prædicta. *Pas. Communia 56 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. b.*

(t) *Cap. 5. sect. 23. and chap. 11. sect. 3. subsection 19.*

(u) Compotus Johannis de Byroun nuper Custodis Civitatis Ebor[aci], de exitibus ejusdem Civitatis a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxii^o, quo die recepit dictam Custodiam de Johanne de Melfa quondam Custode ejusdem, usque idem festum anno revoluto.

Annus xxiii. Idem reddit compotum de Lxix s iij d de redd[itibus] ass[isis] in eadem Civitate per annum, de terminis Sancti Michaelis & Paschæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo de particulis quem idem Johannes liberavit in Thesauo, Et de viis x d de cremento redditus Hospitalis Sancti Leonardi, & Sellarum juxta Ecclesiam Sanctæ Crucis, sicut continetur in Rotulo Compotorum Johannis de Melfa de anno præcedenti, Et de vi d de cremento cujusdam seldæ in Marketskyre sicut continetur ibidem, Et de Lx s iij d ob. de quodam redditu qui vocatur Housgavel per idem tempus, scilicet de quibusdam domibus quæ inhabitantur i d de quibusdam ob. de quibusdam quad., & non plus quia plures domus in Civitate prædicta de quibus dictus redditus deberet provenire prostratæ fuerunt & ruinosæ, ita quod non possent inhabitari, Et de ix l vii s i d ob. de quadam custuma quæ vocatur Thurtol, quæ dimitti solebat ad firmam pro xviii l, & non plus hoc anno propter guerram Scociæ de novo motam, quæ mercatores maxime ibidem impedivit ne cum mercandis suis sicut solebant possent accede-

re, sicut continetur in prædicto Rotulo de particulis, Et de iiii l i marca de Thurtol in villa de Donecastre, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de xxvi s viii d de Thurtol in villa de Malton sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de vi l xiii s iiii d de stallagio Carnificum, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de iiii l i marca de Theolon[i]o pontis de Fosse, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et vi l xiii s iiii d de Theolon[eo] portarum de Walingate & Fiskergate Bouthom & Munekegate, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, & non plus propter guerram Scociæ, Et de iiii l de Theolon[i]o portarum de Mikelyth & Hengbrigg, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de xx d de Theolon[i]o quod dicitur Scro de veteribus patellis & cacabis, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et iiii s 2 d de Toln[eto] olei per idem tempus, Et de xls de Theolon[i]o bladi & aliarum rerum venalium mensuratarum infra aquam de Ouse, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, & de xs de quadam placia unius Molendini, sic pos[ita] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de xxix s de exitibus Nundinarum ad Pentecost[en], & non plus propter guerram Scociæ, Et de xxix s de exitibus Nundinarum ad festum Petri & Pauli per idem tempus, Et de Lxxix s de Custuma lanæ in eadem Civitate, videlicet de quolibet sacco intrante xii d, & de quolibet sacco exeunte xii d per idem tempus, Et non plus propter causam prædictam, Et de viis viii d de Scacegelt per idem tempus, Et de xii l v d de placitis & perquis[itionibus] Cur[iarum] ibidem per idem tempus, Et de xii s de Theolon[i]o æris per idem tempus, scilicet pro Centena iiii d, Et de ii s viii d de Theolon[i]o coriorum & pellium per idem tempus, Et non respondet de vinis, quia naves non potuerunt applicare ibidem propter guerram ut dicit, Et de Cs de Theolon[i]o & aliis exitibus Wapentachii de Anefti pertin[entibus] ad eandem Civitatem, sic pos[ito] ad firmam per idem tempus, Et de xxxv s iiii d de Herbag[i]o fossatorum vendito per idem tempus. Summa Lxxiii l xii s iiii d. Et respondet infra.

Compotus ejusdem de exitibus Civitatis prædictæ, a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxiii^o finiente, incipiente xxiiii^o, usque idem festum anno revoluto. *Then be Accounteth for the issues of the said City of York as here just above mutatis mutandis.* Summa quaterviginti iiii l iis iij d. Et respondet infra.

Compotus ejusdem a festo Sancti Michaelis anno xxiiii^o usque ad Pascha proximo sequens, antequam liberaret Civitatem prædictam Civibus ejusdem per breve Regis. *Then be Accounteth*

CHAP. 10. In the Thirtyfourth year of K *Edward I*, the Townsmen of *Great Yarmouth* in *Norfolk* alleged that the issues of their Town consisted, not in any certain Rents, but in the profits they received from Goods brought to their Town to be sold (*w*). S E C T. III.

11. In the First year of K *Edward II*, in a Law-suit pending between the Citizens of *Canterbury* and the Priour of *Christchurch* There, it appeareth that Stallage, namely the profit of the Stalls which were used for exposing victuals or other things to sale in the City, made part of the Fund out which the Fee-ferme of the City did arise (*x*).

12. King

counteth for the issues of the said City as before mutatis mutandis. Mag. Rot. 29 Edw. 1. Ebor. m. 2. b.

See also Rilys Plac. Parl. in Append. page 646.

King Henry IV in the Sixth year of his reign, for certain weighty causes of importance to Him and his Realm, did by a Patent-Letter of his Great Seal assign John Stanley and Roger Leche to seize the City of York into the Kings hand, with all its Liberties franchises and privileges, before that time granted and confirmed to the Citifens thereof by the Kings Royal Predecessours and by Himself, and when the City was so seized, to Keep and Govern the same, untill the King should give further commands therein. The tenour of That Patent-Letter followeth. Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Johanni Stanley & Rogero Leche salutem. Sciatis quod quibusdam certis & notabilibus de causis nos ac Statum regni nostri Angliæ intime concernentibus, Assignavimus vos conjunctim & divisim, ad Civitatem nostram Eboracum, una cum omnibus & singulis libertatibus franchiseis & privilegiis, Civibus Civitatis illius per Progenitores & Prædecessores nostros quondam Reges Angliæ ac nos ante hæc tempora concessis & confirmatis, in manus nostras capiendum & seisiendum, & ad Civitatem illam cum sic in manus nostras capta & seisita fuerit salvo & secure, quousque aliud inde a nobis habueritis in mandatis, nomine nostro custodiendum & gubernandum. Et ideo vobis & alteri vestrum mandamus, quod circa præmissa diligenter intendatis, & ea faciatis & exequamini in forma prædicta. Damus autem universis & singulis Vicecomitibus Majoribus Ballivis Ministris, & aliis fidelibus & Subditis nostris, tam infra libertates quam extra, tenore præsentium firmiter in mandatis, quod vobis & alteri vestrum in executione præmissorum intendentes sint, consulentes auxiliantes & obedientes, prout decet. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Castrum de Pountfreyt tertio die Junii. Per ipsum Regem. Fin. 6 Hen. 4. m. 9.

(*w*) — Et prædicti Henricus & Willelmus dicunt, quod Magna Jernem[utha] est Liber Burgus Regis, & tenetur de ipso Rege ad feodi firmam quinquaginta quinque librarum per annum, & quod non est aliquod certum in Villa prædicta spectans ad firmam illam, unde aliqua pars inde exeat vel emergat, sed quod ipsi Villæ ejusdem ratione proficui quem

habent & habere clamant de rebus venalibus adductis ad portum prædictum vendendis ad eandem Villam, & pro aliis libertatibus quæ ad liberum Burgum pertinent, & quas Rex J Avus Regis nunc, & Rex H Pater Regis nunc, per cartas suas eis concesserunt, & ipse Rex nunc per cartam suam confirmavit, solvunt annuatim firmam supradictam &c. — *Trin. Recordæ 34 Edw. 1. Rot. 46. in bundello anni 33 & 34 E 1.*

(*x*) Kancia. De Priore Christi Ecclesiæ attachiato. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Domino Regi & Civibus Cantuariæ, de diversis purpresturis & transgressionibus per ipsum Priorem factis Domino Regi & eisdem Civibus, in Civitate Cantuariæ & alibi. Et unde Andreas Burre qui sequitur pro Rege & prædictis Civibus dicit, quod cum Progenitores Domini Regis nunc quondam Reges Angliæ, antequam ipsi commiserant Civibus Civitatis prædictæ Civitatem ipsam ad feodi firmam, percipere & habere consuevissent per manus custodum ejusdem Civitatis proficuum de stallagio, de omnibus Hominibus habentibus & tenentibus Stalla in foro dictæ Civitatis & alibi in eadem Civitate, pro victualibus seu aliis rebus venalibus superponendis & venditioni exponendis, & proficuum hujusmodi stallagii in concessione eisdem Civibus postea facta per Progenitores Regis de Civitate illa habenda ad feodi firmam, assignatum fuisset eisdem Civibus in subsidium ejusdem firmæ, iidem Cives proficuum de Stallagio hujusmodi receperint & habuerint per magnum tempus, a tempore quo ipsi Civitatem ipsam tenuerunt ad feodi firmam &c, & stallagium hujusmodi percipere & habere debent &c, prædictus Prior nuper levavit & construxit circiter quaterviginti stalla sub penticiis in Vico de Burgate & alibi in solo Regis in dicta Civitate, super quæ stalla victualia & alia diversa venalia venditioni exponuntur & venduntur, & idem Prior stallagium inde percipit per annum ad valenciam xl & amplius, nec permittit dictos Cives aliquid proficuum inde percipere vel habere; in exhæredationis Domini Regis periculum manifestum, & grave dampnum Civium prædictorum. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur pro Rege &c. *There are some other matters charged on the Prior; To which he Pleads. As to the Stalls he Pleads, that he did not levy any Stalls in Civitate prædicta extra solum suum proprium, in præjudicium Regis vel dampnum*

CHAP. 12. King Edward II committed the Town of *Kingston* upon *Hull* with its ap-
 XI. purtenances to *Edward York*; the Committee to account for the issues at the
 Kings Exchequer. The Townsmen were ordered to be intendant to him. And
Miles de Stapelton late Committee was ordered to deliver the Town to him, with
 all the issues of it that *Miles* had received since the last *Michaelmas* (y). In
 the Sixth year of K. *Edward II*, the said *Edward York* passed an Accompt in the
 Exchequer for the issues of the said Custody, for the Second and Third years of
 the same King. By his Accompt it appeareth, that the issues of the Town of *King-*
ston upon *Hull* did then consist of certain assised rents of Tenants who held Places
 and tenements in the said Town, and also of the Rents of certain Cotagers in
Mitton, the Rent of a Water-mill There, the Pleas and Perquisites of Courts,
 Stallage, and the Rent of a Windmill there (z).

13. In the Sixteenth year of K. *Edward I*, the Town of *Gipwic* in *Suffolk* was
 in the Kings hand. He committed it to the custody of the Sherif. The Sherif
 yielded an accompt of the Issues of it; to wit, the Rent of the Mills of *Horswad*
 and *Neubyri*, the Rent of *John de Mannewykes* tenement, the Custome called
Hadgavel, the customes of the Kay, the Stallage and petty customes, the View of
 Frankpledg,

num Civium &c, nec aliquid percipit de Stal-
 lagio extra solum suum proprium in eadem
 Civitate. Et hoc offert verificare qualiter-
 cumque Curia &c. *There are several Issues*
tryed in this case. The Verdict is for the Pri-
our; And Judgment thereupon, Salvo jure Re-
gis. Mich. Communia 1 Edw. 2. Rot. 25. a.

(y) Ebor[aciscira]. Rex quinto die No-
 vembris commisit dilecto sibi Edwardo de
 Ebor[aco] Villam de Kingeston super Hull
 cum pertinentiis, custodiendam a festo sancti
 Michaelis proximo præterito quamdiu Regi
 placuerit; Ita quod de exitibus inde &c Re-
 gi respondeat ad Scaccarium Regis. Et man-
 datum est probis Hominibus Villæ prædictæ
 &c, quod eidem Edwardo &c.

Eodem die mandatum est Miloni de Sta-
 pelton nuper Custodi Villæ prædictæ, quod
 liberet &c, una cum exitibus inde perceptis a
 dicto festo sancti Michaelis, per Indentu-
 ram &c. T Thesaurario &c. *Mich. Commis-*
siones 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 4. b.

(z) Compotus Edwardi de Ebor[aco] nuper
 Custodis Villæ de Kyngeston super Hull, de
 exitibus ejusdem Villæ, & redd[itibus] assis-
 Cotar[iorum] de Mitton, a festo Sancti Mi-
 chaelis anno secundo, quo die recepit custo-
 diam ejusdem Villæ de Milone de Stapelton
 per breve Regis, usque ad idem festum San-
 cti Michaelis proximo sequens, Et ab eodem
 festo S Michaelis usque xiii diem Augusti an-
 no quarto, antequam liberaret dictam Villam
 cum pertinentiis Roberto de Hastang per
 breve Regis, videlicet de ann[is] secundo &
 tercio integris & de tribus primis quarteriis
 anni quarti.

Annus secundus. Idem reddit compotum
 de quater xx xiiii l xiiii s vii d de redd[itibus]
 ass[is] diversorum tenencium diversas pla-
 c[eas] & ten[ementa] in villa de Kyngeston,
 tam per Petrum de Campania quam per Ri-
 cardum Oysel nuper Custodem Villæ prædi-
 ctæ per breve Regis nuper arrentat[a], ad
 terminos Sancti Martini & Pentecostes hoc
 anno secundo, sicut continetur in compoto
 Ricardi de Thorp & Rogeri de Camera exe-

cutorum testamenti Ricardi Oysel de ann[is]
 xxxiiii^o & xxxv^o, & in particulis quas libe-
 ravit in Thesauro, & in redditali per dictum
 Ricardum in Thesauro hic liberato, Et de
 viii s xid de redd[itibus] Cotar[iorum] de Mi-
 ton ad eosdem terminos sicut continetur ibi-
 dem, Et de Cvis viii d de firma cujusdam
 Molendini aquatici ad firmam ibidem sic di-
 missi hoc anno, Et de xvi iis vii d de placi-
 tis & perquis[itionibus] Curiarum, & de Stal-
 lagio, sicut continetur ibidem. De Molen-
 dino ventritico non respondet, quia de toto
 prosternebatur sic quod nulli exitus inde per-
 cipi poterant ut dicit. Summa Receptæ,
 Cxvi l xii s ix d. Et respondet infra.

Annus tercius. Idem reddit compotum de
 quater xx xiiii l xiiii s vii d, de redd[itibus] as-
 sis singulorum tenencium placeas & tene-
 menta in dicta Villa de Kyngeston, arrentata
 ut supra, ad prædictos terminos Sancti Mar-
 tini & Pentecostes hoc anno tercio, sicut
 continetur in Rotulo de particulis quem libe-
 ravit in Thesauro, & in prædicto redditali,
 Et de viii s xid de redditibus Cotariorum de
 Miton ad eosdem terminos, sicut continetur
 ibidem, Et de Cvis viii d de firma Molendi-
 ni aquatici ibidem dimissi ad firmam, eodem
 anno, Et de xiiii l xviii d de perquisitionibus
 & placitis Curiarum & Stallagio ibidem per
 idem tempus. De Molendino ventritico non
 respondet causa superius annotata. Summa
 Receptæ, Cxiiii l xi s viii d. Et respondet in-
 fra. *Then he accounteth for Three parts of the*
Fourth year, and for part of the Fifth year.
 Summa debitorum conjuncta, CCC quater
 xx xiiii l viii s vi d. Idem reddit compotum
 de eodem debito; In thesauro xlix l vii s ix d
 in ii talliis; Et Ricardo Counciedieu Custodi
 bargeæ Regis quæ vocatur La Marie West-
 monasterii, super emendatione bargeæ præ-
 dictæ annis quarto & quinto, quater xx xiiii l
 viii s vi d per breve Regis eidem Edwardo in-
 de directum, & per duas literas patentes ip-
 sius Ricardi receptionem dictæ pecuniæ testi-
 ficantes.—Et respondet in Rotulo nono in
 Ebor[aco]. *Mag. Rot. 6 Edw. 2. in Rotulo*
Compotorum, m. 1. b.

CHAP. Frankpledg, Pleas and Perquisites of Courts (a). Afterwards, the Town of Gippewic was for several years together committed to Philipp Herneys John Clement and others, who rendred yearly to the King the amount of his Ferm out of the usual issues of the Town; to wit, in the several reigns of K Edward I (b), K Edward II, and K Edward III (c). S E C T. III.

14. The Town of Dunwich in Suffolk was committed by the King to Richard son of John and other Townsmen, who held it divers years together as Keepers or Committees, and yielded to the King his yearly Ferme out of the ordinary issues of the Town. It continued in their Custody in the Nineteenth (d), the seven and twentieth (e), the nine and twentieth years of K Edward I (f), and afterwards (g).

15. In

(a) Compotus ejusdem Vicecomitis de exitibus totius Villæ Gypewyci de toto hoc anno.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de vii l xvi s viii d, de redditu molendinorum de Horfwad & Neubyri de toto hoc anno, Et de x s de redditu tenementi quod fuit Johannis de Manewyk de eodem tempore, Et de xli s vi d de Custuma quæ vocatur Hadgavel, Et de xix l xvi s de consuetudinibus Kaii per idem tempus, Et de xix l xvii s x d, de stallagio, minutis custumis frumenti ordeï & aliorum bladorum de custuma venditorum, Et de xi l iis de visu Franciplegii placitis & perquisitionibus Curiarum per idem tempus. Summa, Lxl xii s. In Thesauro xxiii l vii s iiii d per iii tallias, Et Gilberto Peche cui Rex concessit totam firmam de Gypewico ad totam vitam suam, quam Homines ejusdem Villæ reddere consueverunt, videlicet xxii l bl[ancorum] qui extenduntur ad xxii l xv s viii d numero, & Cs de incremento firmæ ejusdem Villæ, xxvii l xv s viii d de hoc anno; sicut allocatur in compoto suo ejusdem Villæ in Rotulo præcedente; Et in expensis unius Servientis tenentis Curias, qui capit per diem ii d obolum, unius colligentis theolonium & custumas in eadem Villa capientis per diem ii d, & unius custodientis cayam & custumam, qui capit per diem i d obolum, ix l iis vi d, per idem tempus. Et debet vi s vi d. *Mag. Rot. 16 Edw. 1. Rot. 1. m. 2. a.*

(b) Philippus Herneys Johannes Clement Vivianus Silvestre & alii Homines de Gypewico r c de Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ, tenendæ per talem firmam quamdiu Regi placuerit, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii, Et xxx l de eadem de annis præteritis, In thesauro Lxl per ii tallias, Et debent xxx l. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 2. a.*

(c) Philippus Herneys Johannes Clement Vivianus Silvestre & alii Homines de Gippewico r c de Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ sicut continetur in Rotulo xviii Regis E filii Regis H; In thesauro liberaverunt in iiii talliis per Homines de Gyppewico, Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. Rot. 1. m. 1. a. tit. Norf. Suff.*

Philippus Herneys Johannes Clement Vivianus Silvestre & alii Homines de Gippewico debent Lxl de firma ejusdem villæ—.

De quibus Homines Gippewici respondent in Item Norfolcia. *Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

(d) Homines de Dunwyco reddunt compotum de Lxvi l de firma ejusdem villæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo viii. Set non debent summoneri de Lvi l vs de eadem firma de tribus partibus hujus anni, videlicet a festo S Michaelis anno xix incipiente, usque vi diem Julii anno eodem, antequam Rex committeret Ricardo filio Johannis & aliis Homines ejusdem villæ eandem villam, tenendam per firmam prædictam, sicut continetur in Memorandis, quia Adam de Toftes respondet de exitibus ejusdem villæ de eodem tempore, in Item Norf[olcia]. Et debent Ricardus & alii Homines xvi l vs; Et respondent in Item [N & S]. *Mag. Rot. 19 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.*

(e) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines villæ Dunewici r c de Lxvi l, de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix; In thesauro xviii l, Et in decima constituta Monachis de Eya xii l —. Et debent xxix l xs.

Idem Ricardus & alii Homines ejusdem villæ [debent] xl xs de arreragiis ejusdem firmæ de anno præterito, sicut continetur in Rotulo præcedenti, Et quaterviginti xvi l de eisdem de annis præcedentibus, sicut continetur ibidem.

Adam de Toftes [debet] ... de exitibus villæ Dunewici, a festo S Michaelis anno xix incipiente, usque vi diem Julii anno eodem, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 2. a.*

(f) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines villæ Donewycy reddunt compotum de Lxvi l de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix; In thesauro xli in ii talliis, Et in elem[osyna] constituta Monachis de Eya xii l, Et debent vii l xs —. *Mag. Rot. 29 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 2. a.*

Idem Ricardus & alii Homines villæ Donewyci [debent] Cvi l xs. de arreragiis ejusdem firmæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxvii. *Ibid. juxt.*

(g) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines villæ Donewyci debent Lxvi l de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rotulo viii dicti Regis E —. *Mag. Rot. 18 Edw. 2. tit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.*

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CHAP. 15. In the Sixth year of K Edward II, William Godeknavē held certain tene- S E C T.
 XI. ments in the City of Hereford of the King in Capite in Free Burgage, by the Ser- III.
 vice of vs to be paid to the King yearly in part of the Ferme of the City of Here-
 ford (b).

Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines villæ Donewici debent Lxv l de firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xix Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rot. viii ejusdem Regis E. De quibus Homines ejusdem villæ respondent in Item Norfolcia. Mag. Rot. 11 Edw. 3. lit. Norf. Suff. m. 1. a.

(b) Hereford[ia]. De Ifolda quæ fuit uxor Johannis Crompe attachiata pro relevio Willelmi Roed hæredis Willelmi Godknavē.

Ifolda quæ fuit uxor Johannis Crompe attachiata fuit tanquam tenens quædam tenementa in Civitate Hereford[ia], quæ Willelmus Godknavē de Hereford[ia] tenuit in capite die quo obiit, de Domino E nuper Rege Angliæ patre Regis nunc, in liberum burgagium, per servitium vs per annum, in partem solutionis firmæ Civitatis prædictæ, ad Scaccarium dicti Regis E patris reddendorum, pro quibus tenementis Willelmus Roed consanguineus & hæres prædicti Willelmi Godknavē fecit fidel[itatem] dicto patri Regis nunc, vi^o die Junii anno regni sui sexto, sicut continetur in Originali de eodem anno, essendi hic modo in Craftino Clausi Paschæ, ad respondendum Regi de relevio prædicti Willelmi Roed de tenementis prædictis.

Et eadem Ifolda venit per Willelmum de Bradewell Attornatum suum, & non dedit quin tenet tenementa prædicta; set dicit quod de relevio inde onerari non debet, quia dicit quod nullus sic tenens in liberum burgagium in eadem Civitate aliquibus temporibus retroactis solebat dare Regi relevium pro hujusmodi tenementis ibidem, ut intelligit; adiciens non esse juri consonum quod aliquod hujusmodi burgagium ejusdem Civitatis post mortem tenentis ejusdem debeat de relevio aliquo versus Regem onerari. Et petit judicium &c. Et quia Curia vult plenius inde deliberare antequam ulterius &c, datus ei dies hic a die Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in xv dies ad audiendum & recipiendum inde quod Curia &c. Et dictum est ei quod interim sequatur penes Cancellarium, pro remedio inde habendo si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem prædicta Ifolda venit per dictum Attornatum suum, & ob causam prædictam adjornatur ulterius usque Octabas Sancti Michaelis. Ad quem diem ipsa Ifolda venit per eundem Attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies ulterius, ob causam prædictam, usque Craftinum Sancti Martini. Ad quem diem dicta Ifolda venit per dictum Attornatum suum; & adjornatur ulterius in statu quo nunc usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii ob causam prædictam; Et dictum est ei quod interim sequatur versus Cancellarium pro brevi habendo Thesaurario & Baronibus hic, si sibi viderit expedire. Ad quem diem prædicta Ifolda venit per

16. In dictum Attornatum suum; & detulit hic breve Regis de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de anno ix^o hujus Regis, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte Ifoldæ quæ fuit uxor Johannis Crompe de Hereford[ia] nobis est ostensum, quod licet ipsa, sicut cæteri Burgenfes dictæ Villæ Hereford[ia], teneat omnia terras & tenementa sua cum pertinentiis in eodem Burgo de nobis in liberum burgagium, ipsa-que & prædecessores sui omnia terras & tenementa sua prædicta per idem servitium semper hætenus, a tempore quo non extat memoria, tenuerint, ita quod nos aliquod proficuum de terris & tenementis prædictis nisi annum redditum ab eis ab antiquo debitum, post mortem tenencium eorundem, habere non debeamus, nec nos seu Progenitores nostri aliquod aliud proficuum de eisdem terris & tenementis nisi annum redditum prædictum, aliquibus temporibus retroactis habere consueverimus: vos tamen, pro eo quod in extractis de Cancellaria nostra ad Scaccarium prædictum missis, inter cætera est comper- tum, quod Willelmus Godeknavē de Hereford[ia] defunctus tenuit de nobis in capite die quo obiit in Civitate Hereford[ia] quædam tenementa in liberum burgagium, per servitium quinque solidorum per annum, in parte solutionis firmæ Civitatis nostræ prædictæ ad Scaccarium prædictum reddendorum, & quod Willelmus Reede consanguineus prædicti Willelmi Godeknavē fuit hæres ejus propinquior, & plenæ ætatis, & quod nos cepimus fidelitatem ipsius Willelmi Reede de tenementis prædictis, & ea ei reddidimus, prædictam Ifoldam prædicta tenementa jam tenentem ad respondendum nobis de relevio prædicti Willelmi de tenementis prædictis attachiare fecistis, & ipsam Ifoldam ea occasione diversimode occasionastis & inquietastis, in ipsius Ifoldæ dispendium non modicum & gravamen: Super quo nobis supplicavit sibi per nos remedium adhiberi. Et quia ipsam Ifoldam in hac parte indebite nolumus onerari, Vobis mandamus, quod scrutatis rotulis & Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti, si per inspectionem eorundem, vel per Inquisitionem inde faciendam, vel alio modo legitimo, vobis constare poterit prædicta tenementa quæ eadem Ifolda jam tenet, sicut alia tenementa in eadem Civitate Her[efordia] in liberum burgagium de nobis teneri, & nos & Progenitores nostros hujusmodi relevium de eisdem terris & tenementis post mortem.. Tenencium eorundem temporibus retroactis habere non consuevisse, tunc demandæ quam eidem Ifoldæ pro relevio ipsius Willelmi Reede de eisdem terris & tenementis nobis præstan-
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CHAP. 16. In the Reign of K *Edward II*, the City of *Carlile* was in the Kings hands; S E C T. XI. who committed it, first to *Antony de Lucy*, and afterwards to *Andrew de Harcla*, II. successive Sheriffs of *Cumberland*. *Andrew de Harcla* accounted to the Crown for the Issues of the City, to wit, for Toll Ferms of Measures, Pleas and perquisites of Courts, &c. Afterwards, the King committed the City to the Citifens; it being still in the Kings possession. And then the Citifens accounted to the Crown for the abovementioned yearly issues, and besides Them for the Ferm of the Fishery in the River *Edene*, and for the profits of the Mills nigh the City (i).

17. The ordinary issues of the Town of *Southampton*, arose out of the Town, the Port There, and the Customes annexed to their Ferme (k).

18. There were yearly Issues of the Town of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, though it doth not here appear in what they consisted. In or about the Nineteenth year of K *Edward III*, That Town and its Liberties were, by the Kings command, taken into the Kings hand, for Trespasses of the Mayor and Commonalty. The King by a Patent Letter of the Great Seal committed the Custody of the said Town and Liberties to certain Committees. And they were to answer for the Issues of the Town and Liberties at the Kings Exchequer, and to see the Town safely kept (l).

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do fieri facitis, supersederi, & ipsam inde ad Scaccarium prædictum exonerari & quietam esse faciatis, non obstante fidelitate supradicta. Teste meipso apud Rokesburgh, xviii^o die Januarii anno regni nostri octavo. Et petit eadem Isolda quod supersedeatur demandæ sibi factæ de relevio prædicto, & inde quieta fiat, secundum tenorem brevis prædicti. *Pas. Communia 8 Edw. 3. Rot. 37.*

(i) Cumbria. Antonius de Lucy Vicecomes de ultimo dimidio anno xi, & primo dimidio hoc anno xii.

Andreas de Harcla Vicecomes de ultimo dimidio hoc anno xii, reddit compotum de firma Comitatus de ultimo dimidio hoc anno —. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Rot. penult. m. 1. a.*

Residuum Cumbreland[iæ]. Compotus Andree de Harcla Vicecomitis, de exitibus Civitatis Karlioli in manu Regis existentis, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxvi^o, & in Rotulo vii^o, videlicet a festo Sancti Michaelis anno viii^o incipiente, usque xiiii diem Maii proximo sequentem, quo die lib[eravit] Civitatem prædictam Civibus ejusdem Civitatis.

Idem r[edit] compotum de Ciii s iii d, rec[eptis] de tolonio in Civitate prædicta per prædictum tempus; Et de iii l vi s viii d rec[eptis] de firmis mensurarum per idem tempus; Et de xxii s de placitis & perquisitionibus Curiarum ejusdem Civitatis. Et non respond[et] de firma gabulagii & seldarum in eadem Civitate, quia eadem firma est levabilis ad festum Sancti Michaelis ut dicit; Et ideo respondet minus de exitibus prædictis quam solebat responderi, propter guerram Scociæ. Summa xl xii s. Et respondet in Rotulo principali.

Compotus Civium Karlioli, de exitibus prædictæ Civitatis in manu Regis existentis, cum Molend[inis] & Piscar[ia] ibidem a xiiii^o die Maii anno viii^o, quo die Rex commisit eandem Civitatem præfatis Civibus; Ita quod de exitibus ejusdem Regi respondeant ad Scaccarium, sicut continetur in Originali anni viii & in Rotulo principali, usque xii^m diem Maii anno ix^o, quo die Rex commisit eisdem Civibus

Civitatem prædictam ad feodi firmam, sicut infra cont[inetur], Roberti le Farbur Concivis & Attornati eorundem, per Literas patentes Majoris & Communitatis ejusdem Civitatis, pro eis.

Idem r[eddunt] compotum de xl v s x d, rec[eptis] de tolonio in eadem Civitate per idem tempus; Et de viii l xiii s iii d de firma mensurarum per idem tempus; & de xl de firma Piscariæ ibidem per idem tempus; Et de xxvii l iii s vi d, rec[eptis] de xxxvii quarteriis i bussello frumenti, de exitibus Molendinorum ibidem per idem tempus, pretii quarterii xiii s viii d; Et de xl s rec[eptis] de sex quarteriis farinæ & bras[ii], de exitibus dictorum Molendinorum per idem tempus, pretii quarterii vi s viii d; Et de xiii s iii d receptis de firma quatuor seldarum per idem tempus; Et de ix s rec[eptis] de firma gabulagii per idem tempus; Et de x s vi d rec[eptis] de placitis & perquisitionibus Cur[iarum] per idem tempus. Summa Lix l xvi s vi d. Et xiii l xiii s viii d ob. de tolonio, firma mensurarum, firma Piscariæ, exitibus Molendinorum, & perquisitionibus Cur[iarum] Civitatis prædictæ de tempore prædicto, sicut continetur in quadam Cedula de particulis liberatis ad Scaccarium ix^o die Junii anno xiii^o per prædictum Robertum le Furbur. Summa Lxxiii l xi s ii d ob. *Mag. Rot. 12 Edw. 2. Rot. ultimo, m. 1. b.*

(k) Chap. 10. sect. 29.

(l) De custodia villæ Novi Castri super Tynam commissa. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, dilecto sibi Roberto de Tughale salutem. Sciat quod cum nuper assignaverimus dilectos & fideles nostros, Henricum de Percy Radulphum de Nevill Johannem de Fenwyk Walterum de Creyk & Robertum de Fenwyk Vicecomitem Northumbr[iæ], ad libertates Villæ Novi Castri super Tynam, pro quibusdam contemptibus & inobedientiis nobis per Majorem & communitatem dictæ Villæ factis, in manum nostram capiendas, & ad dictam Villam cum omnibus ad eam spectantibus salvo &

CHAP. 19. In the Twentyfifth year of K Edward III, it was found by Verdict of Sir S E C T.
 XI. Thomas de Langele Knight, Sir Adam de Sharebull Knight, Sir Thomas Atte III.

More Knight, Sir John Golaffre Knight, and other Jurors named in the panell, That the yearly Ferm of the Town of Oxford consisted in these profits, to wit, In the moiety of the profit arising from the Castle-mills, in the Custome paid for the Stalls of Fishmongers, Butchers, Cooks, Corbells, Bakers, and the Windows of Regrators of Bread, the amends of Breaking the Assise of Bread and Beer, the Rent of houses erected by the Community, in Toll for things brought to the Town to be sold, in the custome called Thoruhtol, and in perquisites of Courts (m).

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& secure custodiendam, quousque aliud inde duxerimus ordinandum; Ac iidem Henricus Radulphus Johannes Walterus & Robertus vos loco ipsorum, ad libertates & Villam prædictas in forma prædicta custodiendas substituerint ut accepimus: Nos de fidelitate & circumspeditione vestris plenius confidentes, commisimus vobis custodiam Villæ prædictæ ac libertatum ejusdem; Habendum quamdiu nobis placuerit; Ita quod de exitibus de Villa & libertatibus prædictis, a tempore captionis earundem in manum nostram provenientes, nobis respondeatis ad Scaccarium nostrum; Percipiendo pro custodia illa quadraginta libras per annum, quamdiu custodiam habueritis antedictam. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod circa præmissa intendatis, & de salva & segura custodia ejusdem Villæ taliter disponatis, quod eidem Villæ dampnum vel periculum non eveniat ullo modo. Damus autem universis & singulis Villæ prædictæ tenore præsentium in mandatis, quod vobis in omnibus quæ ad custodiam Villæ prædictæ pertinent intendentes sint & respondentes. In cujus &c; Teste meipso apud Westm. xxvi^o die Januarii, anno regni nostri Angliæ decimo nono, regni vero nostri Franciæ sexto. Originale 19 Edw. 3. Rot. 1.

(m) Oxonia. Pro Burgenfibus Villæ Oxoniæ. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno xxv^o, termino videlicet Paschæ, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ, & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum nuper, ad prosecutionem Burgenfium Villæ nostræ Oxoniæ, nobis suggerentium Dominum E nuper Regem Angliæ patrem nostrum, ad prosecutionem eorundem Burgenfium, per petitionem suam eidem patri nostro in Parlamento suo apud Westm[onasterium], anno regni sui decimo septimo exhibitam, suggerentium eosdem Burgenfes per Cartas Progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Angliæ, tenere sibi & hæredibus suis ad feodi firmam, Villam Oxoniæ cum omnibus libertatibus quas Civitas nostra Londoniæ habet, & ad dictam feodi firmam emendas assisæ panis & servisiæ in eadem Villa & Suburbis ejusdem fractæ, in auxilium firmæ ejusdem Villæ, a tempore quo non extitit memoria, semper hætenus annexas fuisse & assignatas, quousque dictus E

quondam Rex Angliæ avus noster assisam illam, circiter xx^m annum regni sui, ad prosecutionem tunc Cancellarii & Sclarium Universitatis Oxoniæ, ac tunc Vicecomes Comitatus Oxoniæ seifiri fecit in manum suam, absque eo quod iidem Burgenfes in judicio super hoc vocati fuerunt; a quo tempore dicti avus & pater nostri proficuum ejusdem assisæ receperunt; & quod licet assisa prædicta a tempore captionis prædictæ concessa fuisset aliis tenend[a], reddendo inde ad Scaccarium prædictum annuatim Centum solidos, iidem tamen Burgenfes de tota firma Villæ illius ad Scaccarium prædictum integre annuatim a tempore captionis prædictæ solvend[a], ac si assisa illa in eorum manibus fuisset, fuerunt onerati, in eorum Burgenfium dispendium non modicum & gravamen; per quod dictus pater noster tunc Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario mandavit, quod scrutatis Rotulis & Memorandis de eodem Scaccario præmissa tangentibus, ipsum patrem nostrum, quo tempore, qualiter & quo modo, & ex qua causa, prædicta assisa in manus dicti patris nostri seifita fuit, redderent sub Sigillo Scaccarii prædicti certiores; ac prædicti Thesaurarius & Barones dicti patris nostri in Cancellariam dicti patris nostri certificaverunt, quod Dominus H quondam Rex Angliæ proavus noster, per cartam suam concessit & præcepit, quod Pistores & Braciatores Villæ Oxoniæ, in secundo transgressu quem fecerint contra assisam panis & servisiæ, panem illum & servisiam illam sic factum vel factam contra assisam ejusdem amitterent, & præfato proavo nostro & hæredibus suis incurrerentur, & quod dictus avus noster dato sibi intelligi, quod factis pluries diversis transgressionibus in prædicta Villa per Pistores & Braciatores ejusdem Villæ impunitis, tunc Major & Ballivi Villæ prædictæ de exitibus prædictorum panis & servisiæ, tam præfato proavo nostro quam præfato avo nostro sic forisfactorum, minus bene responderunt, per quod transgressores prædicti sic pluries nuncupati sumpserunt majorem audaciam delinquendi, de Consilio suo providit, quod Constabularius Castri Oxon[iæ] qui pro tempore foret, perciperet omnes exitus provenientes de forisfacto panis & servisiæ cum acciderit, & inde oneraretur & responderet ad Scaccarium prædictum, & super hoc per breve suum tunc Custodi suo Castri prædicti mandavit, quod omnes exitus hujusmodi cum acciderint ex-

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CHAP. 20. King *Edward* III in the Fortyfifth year of his reign, by a Patent-Letter S E C T.
 XI. of his Great-Seal, demised his Town of *Bristol* to *Walter de Derby* and III.
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tunc perciperet, & inde responderet ad idem Scaccarium; & quod nichil aliud assisam illam tangens in eodem Scaccario invenerunt; subsequenterque ad prosecutionem dictorum Burgenfium, per petitionem suam coram nobis & Consilio nostro in Parlamento nostro anno regni nostri primo exhibitam, nobis supplicantium, ut nos dictos Centum solidos de quibus ipsi annuatim pro assisa prædicta onerantur ut prædictum est, eis allocari, & ipsos inde exonerari facere vellemus, tunc Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario prædicto, per breve nostrum in eodem Scaccario ut dicitur residens, mandaverimus, quod habito avifamento per inspectionem Rotulorum & Memorandorum de Scaccario prædicto, qualiter & quo modo, quo tempore & ob quam causam, dicta assisa in manu dicti avi nostri capta fuit, & utrum dicti Burgenfes emendas assisæ prædictæ in auxilium firmæ suæ Villæ illius habuerunt necne, & si sic, tunc ex cujus concessione, & qualiter, & a quo tempore, & quantum assisa illa præfatis Burgenfibus valere solebat annuatim, & de quanto nobis de assisa illa ad dictum Scaccarium responderetur, si per inspectionem hujusmodi vel alio modo legitimo invenirent, quod præfati Burgenfes emendas assisæ illius in auxilium firmæ suæ prædictæ ut præmittitur habuerunt, & quod de dictis Centum solidis nobis annuatim pro assisa prædicta responsum fuit, tunc eisdem Burgenfibus inde ulterius rationabiliter juxta discretionem suas debitam allocationem fieri facerent. De quo quidem mandato nostro executio aliqua hucusque facta non extitit, sicut ex parte eorundem Burgenfium intelligi nobis datur: Et quia idem mandatum executioni debito volumus demandari, Vobis mandamus, quod viso mandato nostro suprascripto, si inveneritis ita esse ut præmittitur, eisdem Burgenfibus de dictis Centum solidis rationabilem allocationem juxta discreffiones vestras habere faciatis, juxta tenorem mandati nostri suprascripti. Et si causa rationabilis subfuerit quare id minime facere debeatis, tunc nos in Cancellaria nostra super causa illa, distincte & aperte, sine dilatione, sub Sigillo Scaccarii prædicti reddatis cerciores; hoc breve nobis remittentes ibidem. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xxiii^o die Februarii, anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo quinto, regni vero nostri Franciæ duodecimo.

Et modo ad quindenam Paschæ venerunt hic prædicti Burgenfes per Johannem de Berford Majorem ejusdem Villæ. Et petunt sibi fieri in præmissis quod &c, secundum tenorem mandati prædicti. Et super hoc visis brevibus directis Thesaurario & Baronibus hic tempore Regis hujus, inventum est inter Communia de anno iii^o ejusdem Regis quoddam breve super præmissis, in hæc verba —. Et scrutatis Rotulis super aliis superius suggestis in brevibus prædictis &c, Comper-

tum est, quod Cs exiguntur annuatim de Cancellario Universitatis Oxon[iæ], & Majore ejusdem Villæ qui pro tempore fuerint, pro custodia assisæ panis & cervisiæ in eadem Villa & Suburbio ejusdem, Habend[um] sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno xxiii^o Regis nunc, in Oxonia & Berk. Quam quidem custodiam idem Rex nunc, xxii^o die Aprilis anno regni sui x^o, concessit prædictis Cancellario & Majori, Habend[am] sibi & Successoribus suis imperpetuum, pro Cs Regi annuatim reddendis, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno x^o Regis nunc, & in Originali de eodem anno; & quam quidem custodiam iidem Cancellarius & Major prius habuerunt pro hujusmodi Cs Regi annuatim reddendis, ex concessione Regis E patris Regis nunc, facta eisdem Cancellario & Majori xx^o die Marcii anno regni sui xvii^o, tenend[am] quamdiu Regi placuerit &c, sicut continetur in Originali de anno xvii^o patris, & in Magno Rotulo de dicto anno x^o Regis nunc —. Quibus expositis præfatis Burgenfibus, quæsitoque ab eis si aliquid habeant Curia ostendi, quod prædecessores sui Burgenfes Villæ illius habuerunt emendas assisæ prædictæ in auxilium firmæ Villæ prædictæ, & quod parcella ejusdem firmæ extitit, & ex cujus concessione, qualiter & a quo tempore, & quantum assisa illa eis valere solebat annuatim, iidem Burgenfes dicunt, quod Johannes quondam Rex Angliæ, xiii^o die Junii anno regni sui primo, concessit & confirmavit Burgenfibus suis Oxoniæ Villam de Oxenford, tenendam ad firmam imperpetuum, ad alciorem scilicet firmam quam unquam reddere solebat tempore H patris ipsius Johannis, vel Regis Ricardi fratris ejusdem Johannis... & quod responderent de eadem firma Vicecomiti Oxon[iæ], Habend[am] & tenend[am], cum omnibus libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus suis, ut in terris, aquis, piscariis, molendinis, Stagnis, pratis, & pasturis, & omnibus aliis rebus & locis, ad firmam Villæ illius pertinentibus, & quod Rex H Progenitor Regis nunc, concessit & confirmavit eisdem Burgenfibus omnes libertates & consuetudines suas prædictas, & quod haberent omnes alias consuetudines & libertates & leges quas habuerunt Communes Londoniæ, & quod ipsi & Cives Londoniæ essent de una & eadem consuetudine & lege & libertate, & quod responderent per manus suas proprias singulis annis, de firmis debitis & auxiliis prædictam Villam Oxoniæ contingentibus. Quas quidem concessiones & confirmationes idem Rex nunc, per cartam suam datam x^o die Maii anno regni sui primo, concessit & confirmavit eisdem Burgenfibus & eorum hæredibus imperpetuum

CHAP. *Henry Derneford*, for one year; They rendring and paying the summs of mo- S E C T.
XI. ney reserved in the Demise. The issues of the Town consisted in houses shops III.
cotages,

um habend[as]. Et ostendunt Curia Cartam ipsius Regis nunc inde de confirmatione, quæ irrotulatur alibi in Rotulo sequenti, præmissa testificantem; & dicunt quod Cives Londoniæ habent assisam panis & cervisiæ, ratione libertatis suæ eis concessæ, in auxilium firmæ suæ, & ipsi Burgenses Oxoniæ habent tales libertates quales Cives Londoniæ, & quod ipsi Burgenses Oxoniæ, a tempore concessionis prædicti Regis Johannis de Villa prædicta hucusque, tenuerunt Villam prædictam, & habuerunt emendas assisæ panis & cervisiæ Villæ prædictæ in auxilium firmæ ejusdem Villæ, ab eodem tempore usque viii diem Maii prædicto anno xiii^o Regis E. avi Regis nunc, quo anno idem Rex avus, eo quod datum erat ei intelligi quod factis pluribus diversis transgressionibus in eadem Villa per Pistorum & Braciatorem ejusdem Villæ impunitis, providit quod Constabularius Castri Oxoniæ qui pro tempore foret, perciperet omnes exitus provenientes de forisfacto panis & cervisiæ cum accideret, & inde oneraretur & responderet ad Scaccarium; & dicunt quod ex causa illa dicta assisa in manu dicti avi capta fuit extra manum Majoris & Ballivorum Villæ Oxoniæ, & quod solebat valere eis annuatim Cs tantum, in auxilium firmæ suæ prædictæ. Et ex quo ipsi & Cives Londoniæ sint & esse debent de una & eadem consuetudine lege & libertate, & ipsi Burgenses Oxoniæ tales consuetudines libertates & leges habent in omnibus, quales Cives Londoniæ habent; Et Cives Londoniæ assisam panis & cervisiæ in auxilium firmæ suæ, per libertates suas eis concessas, habent, & exitus de forisfactura inde percipiunt; & per hoc quod dictus Rex avus, prædicto anno xiii^o, cepit extra manus Majoris & Ballivorum Villæ Oxoniæ assisam prædictam ut præmittitur, liquere potest Curia, quod dicti Burgenses habuerunt dictam assisam in manu sua ante prædictum annum tertium-decimum, & ipsi & Cancellarius Universitatis Oxoniæ jam onerantur annuatim de Cs pro assisa prædicta, ut præmittitur, ultra prædictam firmam xl; & petunt de tanto allocationem sibi fieri de firma sua prædicta Villæ prædictæ, juxta mandata Regis supradictæ; adicientes, assisam prædictam parcellam firmæ suæ existere, & ipsos Burgenses assisam prædictam habuisse in auxilium firmæ suæ, ante prædictum annum xiii Regis E. avi. Et hoc prætendunt verificare si Curia &c. Et super hoc facto scrutinio rotulorum, si aliquo tempore Progenitorum Regis nunc fuit responsum eisdem Progenitoribus, de aliquo per se pro assisa panis & cervisiæ in Villa prædicta, non est compertum penes Scaccarium, quod responsum fuit Regi seu Progenitoribus suis per se de aliquo pro assisa prædicta; Set compertum est in Rotulo de particulis proficuum Comitatus Oxoniæ, de dimidio anno xxiii^o Regis

H. tertii, videlicet a festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ eodem anno xxiii^o, usque festum Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens, quod Paulus Peyvr[e] tunc Vicecomes ejusdem Comitatus, oneravit se de xxl, receptis de Villata Oxoniæ, nulla facta mentione ibidem ex qua causa. Et viso Recordo prædicto per Barones &c, quia in eodem Recordo allegatur, quod prædicti Burgenses Oxoniæ habent tales consuetudines & libertates in omnibus, quales Cives Londoniæ habent, & quod iidem Cives Londoniæ habent assisam panis & cervisiæ, in auxilium firmæ suæ, ratione libertatis suæ prædictæ, visum est Baronibus non esse procedendum ad iudicium in præmissis, quousque constaret eis, si dicti Cives Londoniæ habeant assisam panis & cervisiæ ratione libertatis suæ in auxilium firmæ suæ, necne. Et super hoc mandatum est secundo die Julii hoc anno xxv^o, Majori & Vicecomitibus ac aliis probis hominibus Civitatis Londoniæ, quod certificent hic a die Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in xv dies, si ipsi assisam panis & cervisiæ in Civitate Londoniæ prædicta, ratione libertatis suæ habeant, & exitus & proficua inde provenientia in auxilium firmæ Civitatis prædictæ percipiant, ut parcellam ejusdem firmæ, necne. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Burgensibus—. Et prædicti Major & Vicecomites Londoniæ retornarunt breve sibi directum indorsatum sic, Major Aldermanni & Vicecomites Londoniæ habent assisam panis & cervisiæ in Civitate prædicta, & habuerunt a tempore quo non extat memoria, ad proficuum Civitatis prædictæ. Qua quidem certificatione visa per Barones, videtur eis illam non esse plenam; per quod dictum est præfatis Burgensibus quod sequantur aliud breve &c, pro meliori certificatione inde habenda. Ad quod prædicti Burgenses dicunt, quod aliquam aliam certificationem per breve directum Majori Vicecomitibus & aliis probis hominibus Civitatis Londoniæ habere non possunt, nec iidem Major Vicecomites & probi homines aliter certificare volunt; & petunt breve inde solo modo Vicecomitibus Londoniæ, non nominando Majorem neque probos homines &c; quia dicunt, quod dicti Vicecomites Londoniæ respondent annuatim de firma Civitatis prædictæ, ut intelligunt. Ad quam firmam percipiunt assisam panis & cervisiæ in Civitate prædicta. Et super hoc scrutatis Rotulis super exactione dictæ firmæ Londoniæ, compertum est quod Vicecomites Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ qui pro tempore fuerunt, responderunt pro Civibus Londoniæ annuatim de CCCxv l, de firma Comitatus Londoniæ & Midd[el]sexiæ, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno xxv^o in Londonia Midd[el]sexia, & in Rotulis annalibus præcedentibus. Et quia visum est Baronibus, quod Vicecomites Londoniæ meliorem noticiam

inde habere debent quam Major & alii pro-
bi homines Civitatis prædictæ, eo quod iidem
Vicecomites annuatim respondent Regi de
firma Com[itatuum] prædictorum, de qua su-
perius allegatur dictam assisam parcellam ex-
istere, concordatum est quod mandetur Vice-
comitibus Londoniæ solomodo, ad certifican-
dum super præmissis &c. Et mandatum est
eis in forma prædicta &c, Ita &c a die Puri-
ficationis beatæ Mariæ in xv dies. Ad quem
diem prædicti Vicecomites Londoniæ retor-
narunt breve sibi directum, indorsatum in
forma qua subsequitur, Nos Johannes Wroth
& Gilbertus Steyndrop Vicecomites Londo-
niæ, vobis significamus, quod tanquam Vice-
comites Civitatis prædictæ, ratione liberta-
tis ejusdem Civitatis, habemus assisam panis
& cervisiæ in Civitate prædicta, in auxilium fir-
mæ ejusdem Civitatis, prout alii Vicecomites Ci-
vitatis prædictæ hujusmodi assisam panis & cer-
visiæ in eadem Civitate, a tempore quo non
extat memoria, habuerunt. Et prædicti Bur-
geneses venerunt ad prædictam xv^{am} Paschæ per
prædictum Attornatum suum; & Vic[ecomites]
retornavit breve quod adeo tarde &c. Ideo
datus est dies eisdem Burgenfibus ulterius in
Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis. Et præceptum
est Vic[ecomiti] quod distringat eosdem Jura-
tores &c, & præter illos sex tales &c, Ita
&c ad eundem diem, vel interim coram ali-
quo Baronum qui prius ad partes illas vene-
rit, ad certos diem & locum quos &c, Ita
quod inquisitionem illam habeat hic ad præ-
dictas Octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis. Ad quem
diem prædicti Burgeneses venerunt per præ-
dictum Attornatum suum. Et Jacobus Husee
Baro hujus Scaccarii liberavit hic quandam
Inquisitionem, coram eo apud Oxoniam die
Martis in septimana Pentecostes anno xxvi^o
Regis nunc super præmissis captam, in præ-
sentia prædictorum Burgenfium ibidem in
propriis personis suis comparencium, per sa-
cramentum Thomæ de Langele Militis, Adæ
de Shareshull Militis, Thomæ Atte More
Militis, Johannis Golaffre Militis, & aliorum
Juratorum quorum nomina annotantur in pa-
nello brevis. Qui dicunt super sacramentum
suum, quod assisa panis & cervisiæ in Villa
prædicta est parcella xl, quæ est firma Vil-
læ prædictæ; & quod dicti Burgeneses & eo-
rum prædecessores dictam assisam habue-
runt in auxilium firmæ suæ prædictæ, a
xiii^o die Junii anno regni Regis Johannis pri-
mo, usque viii diem Maii anno regni Regis
E avi xiii^o; & quod dicta assisa fuit parcella
dictæ firmæ, & eidem firmæ annexa, ante
xiii diem Junii anno regni Regis Johannis
primo, a tempore quo non extat memoria.
Et dicunt, quod assisa valet communibus an-
nis C s. Quæsitum est ab eis, quantum dicta
assisam valuit per annum, a xiii die Junii anno
regni Regis Johannis primo, usque viii diem
Maii anno regni Regis E avi xiii^o, dicunt,

quod toto illo tempore valebat annuatim C s.
Quæsitum est ab eis, qualiter & quo modo
Pistores & Braciatores Villæ Oxoniæ solebant
puniri, totis temporibus retroactis, pro assisa
panis & cervisiæ per eosdem Pistores & Bra-
ciatores fractæ, tam in prima, secunda, quam
in tertia hujusmodi transgressione, Qui dicunt
super sacramentum suum, quod in prima &
secunda transgressione contra assisam prædi-
ctam, dicti Pistores & Braciatores totis tem-
poribus retroactis solebant amerciari, & in
tertia transgressione solebant puniri per pœ-
nam corporalem, videlicet per Tumbrell &
Pilloriam, & numquam alio modo, ut intel-
ligunt; & sic dicunt, quod assisa prædicta
nunc valet, & totis temporibus retroactis so-
lebat valere C s, & quod dicti Burgeneses
emendas assisæ panis & cervisiæ habuerunt a
tempore concessionis libertatis & firmæ suæ,
videlicet a xiii die Junii anno regni Regis
Johannis primo, usque viii diem Maii anno
xiii^o Regis E avi, in auxilium firmæ suæ Vil-
læ prædictæ, & parcella ejusdem extitit.
Quæsitum est ab eis, in quibus proficuis dicta
firma xl consistit. Qui dicunt, quod con-
sistit in proficuis subscriptis, videlicet, in me-
dieta proficui provenientis de Molendinis
Castri Oxoniæ, in quadam custuma data pro
stallis Piscenariorum, Carnificum, Cocorum,
Corbellorum, Pistorum, & fenestris regrata-
riorum panis, & solebat provenire de emen-
dis assisæ panis & cervisiæ fractæ, & adhuc
deberet, & de redditu domorum factarum
per Communitatem, & in theolonio pro om-
nimodis rebus venalibus ad dictam Villam ve-
nientibus, & de una custuma quæ vocatur
Thoruhthol, & de perquis[itionibus] Cu-
r[iarum].

Et viso Recordo prædicto per Barones, ha-
bitaque inde deliberatione &c, Consideratum
est, quod prædicti Burgeneses habeant alloca-
tionem de C s annuatim, pro assisa prædicta,
in dicta firma Villæ prædictæ, videlicet, xl
a prædicto viii die Maii dicto anno xiii^o Re-
gis E avi Regis nunc hucusque, & deinceps,
prætextu præmissorum; Salvo semper jure
Regis &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 25 Edw.*
3. Rot. 53. a.

*I have published this Record at large, be-
cause I apprehend it to be a Curious Piece.*

(n) De Villa Bristollia ad firmam dimissa.
Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis
quod, per manucaptionem Ricardi Bronderer
de London[ia] & Walteri Broun de Comita-
tu Somers[et]æ, concessimus & ad firmam
dimisimus dilectis nobis Waltero de Derby de
Bristoll[ia] & Henrico Derneford de Bristol-
l[ia], Villam nostram Bristolliam, Habendum ad
firmam a festo Sancti Michaelis ultimo præteri-
to, usque festum Sancti Machaelis proximo se-
quens, videlicet per unum annum, cum domi-
bus shopis cotagiis feldis, toftis gardinis mo-
lendinis

CHAP. 21. In the Eighteenth year of K *Richard II*, the Citifens of *Exeter* Pleaded S E C T. XI. in the Court of Exchequer (amongst other things), That the Fair of the said City, the Lastage of the said Fair, the Stallage of the Fair of *William de Helyon*, and the ferm of a House which was *William de Helyons*, and all the profits of the said Fair Lastage Stallage and Ferm, belonged to the City, and were parcell of the said City, and parcell of their Yearly Ferm (o).

22. King

lendinis stagnis tina Castri, redditibus landgabilis theoloniis placitis Curiarum, feria de Mercato consuetudinibus, & omnibus aliis juribus Villæ prædictæ & suburbiis ejusdem quoquo modo pertinentibus, eodem modo quo Major & Communitas Villæ Bristollia dictam Villam ex concessione Philippæ nuper Regina Angliæ tenuerunt, gardino subtus Castrum & gardino versus Berton duntaxat exceptis; Salvis semper nobis in Villa prædicta omnibus regalibus libertatibus quæ in extenta non concurrunt, ac etiam prærogativis & quibuscunque aliis libertatibus Castro nostro Bristollia ab antiquo pertinentibus; Salvis etiam Constabulario nostro Castri prædicti multura bladi pro mensa sua & familiæ suæ ac garnesturæ in Castro prædicto ad molendina ejusdem Villæ quiet[a] de theolonio inde præstando. Reddendo inde nobis pro anno prædicto Centum libras, ad terminos Paschæ & Sancti Michaelis per æquales portiones. Volumus etiam quod quocienscumque stagna molendinorum prædictorum reparatione seu emendatione indigeant, quod iidem Walterus de Derby & Henricus fodere possint terram pro emendatione eorundem, in aliquo loco competenti super solum nostrum, eis per Senescallum terrarum nostrarum assignando, & quod iidem Walterus de Derby & Henricus durante eodem anno solvant Constabulario Castri prædicti qui pro tempore fuerit viginti libras per annum, pro vadiis suis pro custodia Castri prædicti & quolibet die duos denarios pro vadiis Janitoris ejusdem Castri, & quolibet die tres denarios pro vadiis duorum vigilum in eodem Castro, & pro stipendio eorundem qualibet nocte unum obolum; & quod vadia illa solvant de septimana in septimanam, vel per quarterium anni in electione Constabularii Castri prædicti qui pro tempore fuerit; & etiam quod solvant per annum prædictum Abbati de Teukesbury quatuordecim libras & decem solidos pro decimis Villæ prædictæ, & Priori Sancti Jacobi Bristoll[ia] sexaginta solidos de annuo redditu pro molendino Villæ prædictæ ad terminos debitos & consuetos, & Custodi maritimæ Villæ Bristollia viginti & sex solidos & octo denarios pro roba sua per annum ad terminum consuetum, & Custodi forestæ de Kyngeswode qui pro tempore fuerit pro vadiis suis quolibet die septem denarios & unum obolum, & quod sustineant pro nobis omnia alia onera & resolutiones reddituum & elemosinarum debita & consueta. Ita quod de annua firma dictarum centum librarum nobis integre remaneat, absque aliqua resolutione alicui aliqua de causa inde per dictum annum facienda, & quod iidem Walterus de Derby

& Henricus domos ædificia gardina molendina stagna, & omnia alia tam nominata quam non nominata dictæ Villæ pertinentia, per tempus prædictum manuteneant & sustentent in adeo bono statu quo ea receperunt, & libertates & liberas consuetudines nostras in eadem Villa pro posse suo conservent illæsa; Ita quod per ipsos nullatenus minorentur, nec quod nos injuriam seu exhæredationem de eisdem seu parte earundem aliquam paciamur. In cujus &c; Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xxxi^o die Octobris.

Et mandatum est Majori & Ballivis ac toti Communitati Villæ prædictæ, quod ipsos Walterum de Derby & Henricum dictam Villam, cum domibus shopis cotagiis feldis, totis gardinis molendinis stagnis tina Castri, redditibus landgabilis theoloniis placitis Curiarum, feria de Mercato consuetudinibus, & omnibus aliis juribus Villæ prædictæ & suburbiis ejusdem quoquomodo pertinentibus, habere, & inde disponere, & commodum suum facere permittant, juxta tenorem Literarum Regis prædictarum; & eisdem Waltero de Derby & Henrico tanquam firmariis Regis ibidem, quocienscumque per ipsos seu eorum aliquem requisiti fuerint, intendentes sint & respondentes. In cujus &c; Teste ut supra. *Originale 45 Edw. 3. Rot. 40.*

(o) Devon[ia]. De Majore & Communitate Civitatis Exonia præmuniendis ad respondendum Regi de feria Exonia, & lestagio ejusdem feriæ, ac stallagio feriæ quæ quondam fuit Willelmi Helyon, & quadam domo quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi.

Memorandum quod cum exigantur per Summonitionem hujus Scaccarii de Vicecomite Devon[ia] xix l iiii s iiii d per annum, de firma Maner[iorum] post allocationes annales, unde ix l per annum de firma de Wyka, Lx s de firma de Aldricheston, Lx s de feria Exonia, Lx s de lestagio ejusdem feriæ, xiii s iiii d de Stallagio feriæ quæ fuit Willelmi Helyon, & xs de firma unius domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi, & CLxxvii l xiii s ii d de arreragiis earundem, sicut continetur in Magno Rotulo de anno xvi^o Regis nunc in Devonia, de quibus quidem xix l iiii s iiii d per annum, a tempore mortis Domini E nuper Principis Walliæ & Ducis Cornubiæ patris Domini Regis nunc, hucusque Regi minime est satisfactum. Per quod idem Dominus Rex nunc volens certiorari, quis vel qui dicta firmas de Wyka & Aldricheston, necnon feriam Exonia, & lestagium ejusdem feriæ, stallagium & dictam domum quæ quondam fuerunt prædicti Willelmi Helyon, & quæ prædictus Princeps nuper habuit ex dono & concess-

CHAP. 22. King Henry VI in the twentyeighth year of his reign, committed the custody of the Town of *Dunwich* in *Suffolk* with all the issues profits commodi-
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concessione Domini E nuper Regis Angliæ Avi Domini Regis nunc, ut dicitur, videlicet a tempore mortis prædicti Principis hucusque, occupavit vel occuparunt, & occupant in præsentis, & exitus & proficua inde provenientia percepit vel perceperunt, & percipiunt in præsentis, qualiter quo titulo & quo modo; Et de fidelitate & circumspeditione dilectorum sibi Willelmi Rykhill Johannis Hill Johannis Wadham & Willelmi Brynchesle plenius confidens; per Literas suas patentes sub Sigillo hujus Scaccarii, datas xxviii^o die Maii anno regni sui xvii^o, assignavit præfatos Willelmum Rykhill Johannem Hylle Johannem Wadham & Willelmum Brynchesle, tres & duos eorum, ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum de dicto Comitatu Devonæ, per quos &c, quis vel qui dicta firmas de Wyka & Aldrycheston, necnon feriam Exoniæ & lestagium ejusdem feriae, stallagium feriae quæ quondam fuit prædicti Willelmi Helyon & dictam domum quæ quondam fuit ejusdem Willelmi, a tempore mortis prædicti Principis hucusque occupavit vel occuparunt, & exitus & proficua inde per idem tempus provenientia percepit vel perceperunt, qualiter quo titulo & quo modo; Ita quod Inquisitionem inde coram eis, tribus vel duobus eorum, distincte & aperte captam, habeant, tres vel duo eorum &c, ad Scaccarium hic, a die Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo futuri in xv dies, sub Sigillis suis, trium vel duorum eorum, & Sigillis eorum per quos &c.

Et ad prædictam quindenam Sancti Michaelis, prædicti Willelmus Rikhill & Willelmus Brynchesle retornarunt hic literas Regis patentes prædictas, una cum quadam Inquisitione eisdem literis patentibus confuta, coram eis in præmissis capta; Cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Inquisitio capta apud Exoniam in Comitatu Devonæ, coram Willelmo Rykhill & Willelmo Brynchesle, virtute literarum Domini Regis patentium eisdem Willelmo & Willelmo & Johanni Hill & Johanni Wadham directarum, & huic Inquisitioni confutarum, die Jovis proximo post festum Sancti Jacobi Apostoli, anno regnorum Ricardi Regis Angliæ & Franciæ xviii^o, per Sacramentum Johannis Prideux Chivaler, Roberti Corun Chivaler, Walteri Corun, Johannis Holloway, Thomæ Dabernon, Ricardi Foldhay, Johannis Colyn de Hole, Edmundi Baucombe, Johannis Denning, Roberti Hull de Gydesham, Roberti Hill de Wodesford, & Rogeri Bocher; Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod non sunt aliquæ firmæ de Wyka & Aldrycheston unde in prædictis Literis fit mencio, in Comitatu Devonæ, nec sunt aliquæ tales villæ de Wyka & Aldrycheston in eodem Comitatu. Et ulterius dicunt, quod Major & Communitas Civitatis Exoniæ occupant, & a tempore mortis Ed-

wardi nuper Principis Walliæ & Ducis Cornubiæ patris Domini Regis nunc, feriam Exoniæ, & lestagium ejusdem feriae, ac stallagium feriae quæ quondam fuit Willelmi Helyon, & quondam domum quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi Helyon, de quibus in prædictis Literis similiter fit mencio, occuparunt, & exitus & proficua inde provenientia a tempore mortis prædicti nuper Principis hucusque perceperunt, & adhuc percipiunt, set qualiter quo titulo & quo modo, dicunt quod ipsi omnino ignorant. Ideo concordatum est, quod prædicti Major & Communitas Civitatis Exoniæ præmuniantur per breve de Scire facias effendi hic, ad ostendendum & proponendum si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de Lxs de feria Exoniæ, Lxs de lestagio ejusdem feriae, xiii s iii d de Stallagio feriae quæ fuit Willelmi Helyon, & de xs per annum de firma dictæ domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi supradictis, a tempore mortis prædicti Principis hucusque, versus Regem onerari, & eidem Domino Regi inde respondere & satisfacere non debeant. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Devonæ, quod per probos &c Scire faciat &c, ita &c a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes videlicet Jacobus Chuddeleghe retornavit breve indorsatum sic. Scire feci Ricardo Bozoun qui fuit Major Civitatis Exoniæ die in brevi contento, ac Communitati ejusdem Civitatis, quod sint coram Baronibus de Scaccario Domini Regis apud Westmonasterium, a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad ostendendum & proponendum omnia & singula in brevi contenta, secundum tenorem brevis, & ad respondendum & satisfaciendum Domino Regi de omnibus in brevi contentis, si sibi viderint expedire, per Henricum Hull Thomam Wandry, Ricardum Peauterere & Johannem Webbe, probos & legales homines ballivæ meæ.

Et prædicti Ricardus Bozoun & Communitas Civitatis prædictæ venerunt hic, ad prædictam quindenam sancti Hillarii, per Johannem Wycombe attornatum [suum]. Et dicunt, quod ipsi non sunt plenarie informati ad præsens ad respondendum in præmissis, petentes diem ulterius de gratia Curiae, citra quem informari poterint inde. Quod de gratia Curiae concessum est eis. Et super hoc datus est [dies] prædictis Ricardo Bozoun & Communitati Civitatis prædictæ hic in statu quo nunc, usque a die Paschæ proximo futuro in xv dies, ad respondendum &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Ricardus Bozoun & Communitas Civitatis prædictæ venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulter[ius] in statu quo nunc, usque a die sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies, ad respondendum &c. Ad quem diem venerunt tam prædictus Ricardus Bozoun qui fuit Major dictæ Civitatis, quam Communitas ejusdem

CHAP. ties &c thereof, then being in the Kings hand, to *William Hopton* Esquire, To S E C T.
 XI. hold the same for Ten years, Rendring to the King yearly so much as the same III.
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dem Civitatis, per attornatum suum prædictum. Et protestando dicunt, quod alias Dominus Rex E. tercius, avus Domini Regis nunc, mandavit breve suum hic de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de Termino Paschæ anno regni sui xxi^o, & quod irrotulatur in Memorandis de eodem anno xxi^o dicti Regis E. avi, inter Recorda de eodem Termino Paschæ, Rotulo ix^o, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ, & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum xvii^o die Marci anno regni nostri Angliæ xi^o, inter alia quæ per cartam nostram Edwardo filio nostro primogenito Duci Cornubiæ nunc Principi Walliæ concessimus, concesserimus eidem annuam firmam viginti librarum Civitatis Exoniæ, necnon Castrum & Manerium de Lydeford cum pertinentiis, & cum chaceâ de Dertemore cum pertinentiis, in Comitatu Devonæ, quæ dilectus & fidelis noster Hugo Daudele Comes Gloucestriæ & Margareta uxor ejus jam defuncta tunc tenuerunt ad terminum vitæ ejusdem Margarete, & quæ post mortem ejusdem Margarete ad nos & hæredes nostros reverti deberent. Habendum videlicet dictam firmam a prædicto xvii die Marci, & prædicta Castrum Manerium & Chaceam cum pertinentiis, post mortem præfatæ Margarete, eidem Duci & ipsius & hæredum suorum Regum Angliæ fil[iis] primogenitis, & dicti loci Ducibus, in regno Angliæ hæreditarie successur[is], prout in carta nostra prædicta plenius continetur. Ac jam ex parte dicti Ducis sit conquerendo monstratum, quod licet exitus & proficua de feria Civitatis prædictæ, de firma lestagii ejusdem feriae, de stallagio feriae quæ fuit Willelmi de Helyon, & de firma ejusdem domus quæ fuit prædicti Willelmi, provenientia, sint & esse debeant, & totis temporibus retroactis esse consueverint, parcella dictæ firmæ viginti librarum, necnon Villæ sive hameletta de Wyka & Alricheston in Comitatu prædicto membra prædicti Manerii de Lydeford existant, ipseque Dux exitus & proficua prædicta tanquam parcellam dictæ annuæ firmæ viginti librarum, a tempore concessionis prædictæ, & firmas dictarum Villarum sive hamelettorum de Wyka & Alricheston, tanquam de membris Manerii ejusdem, a tempore mortis præfatæ Margarete semper hucusque habuisset & percepisset. Vos nichilominus Johannem de Chevereston nuper Vicecomitem nostrum Comitatus illius, ad computandum coram vobis de vii^l iiii^s & iiii denariis, pro dictis feria lestagio stallagio & firma domus quæ fuit prædicti Willelmi, necnon de xii^l pro firmis dictarum Villarum sive hamelettorum de Wyka & Alricheston, annuatim pro anno præsentis & quinque annis proximo jam elapsis, distringitis, & ipsum ea occasione multipliciter inquietatis, minus ju-

ste, in ipsius Ducis præjudicium, & tam ipsius Ducis quam dicti Vicecomitis grave dampnum, & contra formam concessionis nostræ prædictæ. Super quo nobis est supplicatum sibi per nos de remedio provideri. Nos volentes in hac parte fieri quod est justum, Vobis mandamus, quod visis Rotulis & Memorandis Scaccarii prædicti præmissa tangentibus, si per inspectionem eorundem, vel Inquisitionem inde faciendam, vel alio modo legitimo, vobis constare poterit, prædicta exitus & proficua esse parcellam dictæ annuæ firmæ xx^l, & dictas Villas sive hameletta de Wyka & Alricheston membra dicti Manerii existere, & totis temporibus [retroactis, *deest*] fuisse, præfatumque Ducem exitus & proficua prædicta tanquam parcellam dictæ annuæ firmæ viginti librarum, & firmas earundem Villarum sive hamelettorum tanquam de membris dicti Manerii percepisse, ut prædictum est, tunc demandæ quam præfato Vicecomiti pro prædictis xix^l iiii^s iiii^d, sic annuatim pro anno præsentis & dictis quinque annis ad dictum Scaccarium solvendis, supersederi, & tam ipsum Ducem quam præfatum Vicecomitem inde erga nos, prout justum fuerit, exonerari & quietos esse faciatis. T Leonello filio nostro carissimo Custode Angliæ, apud Redyng xx^o die Aprilis, anno regni nostri Angliæ xxi^o regni vero nostri Franciæ octavo.

Et dicunt ulterius protestando, quod prædicta feria dictæ Civitatis, lestagium ejusdem feriae, stallagium feriae quæ fuit prædicti Willelmi Helyon, nec firma prædictæ domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi, ad præsens nec per longum tempus elapsum non excedunt valorem viii^s per annum. Et pro placito dicunt, quod dictus Dominus Rex avus, per Literas suas patentes datas sexto die Februarii anno regni sui sexto, concessit Majori & Civibus Civitatis suæ Exoniæ, quod habeant & teneant Civitatem prædictam cum pertinentiis sibi hæredibus & successoribus suis, de se & hæredibus suis, ad feodi firmam, cum omnibus ad firmam illam spectantibus sive pertinentibus, Reddendo prædicto Regi & hæredibus suis per annum ad Scaccarium suum xx^l; & sustentando alia onera prius incumbentia, prout in eisdem Literis plenius continetur. Et unde ostendunt Curia Literas dicti Regis Avi patentes prædictas, quarum tenor sequitur in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, & Dux Aquitaniæ, Archiepiscopis Episcopis, Abbatibus Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus, Justiciariis Vicecomitibus, Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis quod cum Major & Cives Civitatis nostræ Exoniæ nuper prætendentes se tenere Civitatem illam ad feodi firmam, Reddendo inde per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum duodecim libras & decem & novem solidos, coram Thesaurario & Baronibus nostris de
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CHAP. should be valued at by extent or valuation to be made thereof, or so much as S E C T.
 XI. should be agreed-on between the Treasurer of *England* and the said *William*. III.
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eodem Scaccario allocuti ad ostendendum quo titulo dictam Civitatem ad feodi firmam sic tenebant, ibidem exhibuerunt quandam Cartam Ricardi quondam Regis Romanorum, per quam idem Rex Romanorum concessit Majori & Civibus Civitatis prædictæ Civitatem illam ad feodi firmam, Reddendo inde per annum eidem Ricardo & hæredibus suis duodecim libras & decem & novem solidos supradictos, & confirmationes quorundam progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Angliæ & nostras de Carta prædicta.

Set quia per inspectionem Rotulorum Scaccarii prædicti compertum fuit, quod Civitas prædicta tempore bonæ memoriæ Domini H quondam Regis Angliæ proavi nostri, & aliorum Progenitorum nostrorum Regum Angliæ ante tempus suum, fuit de antiquo dominico Coronæ Angliæ, & quod inde responderi consuevit ad Scaccarium suum per manus Vicecomitis Comitatus Devonæ, & aliorum Custodum ejusdem Civitatis, ut de particula spectante ad firmam Corporis Comitatus prædicti, & quod dictus Ricardus non habuit statum aliquem in feodo in Civitate prædicta, nec quicquam aliud ibidem nisi quandam firmam duodecim librarum & decem & novem solidorum, percipiend[am] de Civitate illa in auxilium sustentationis suæ, ex assignatione præfati Regis H, ad voluntatem ejusdem Regis, dicta Civitas per considerationem ejusdem Curie capta fuit in manum nostram, sicut per certificationem Thesaurarii & Baronum dicti Scaccarii ad mandatum nostrum inde factam nobis constat. Nos ad requisitionem Majoris & Civium Civitatis prædictæ, volentes ipsorum tranquillitati & quieti, & ut negotiationibus suis commodius vacare possint, providere, concessimus eis pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, & hac carta nostra confirmavimus, Civitatem prædictam, habendam & tenendam sibi hæredibus & Successoribus suis ad feodi firmam, cum omnibus ad firmam illam spectantibus, Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus nostris per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum viginti libras, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaëlis imperpetuum, & sustinendo alia onera eidem firmæ prius incumbentia. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti Major & Cives habeant & teneant Civitatem prædictam cum pertinentiis, sibi hæredibus & Successoribus suis, de nobis & hæredibus nostris, ad feodi firmam, cum omnibus ad firmam illam pertinentibus, Reddendo inde nobis & hæredibus nostris per annum ad Scaccarium nostrum viginti libras, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaëlis imperpetuum, & sustinendo

alia onera eidem firmæ prius incumbentia, sicut prædictum est. Hiis Testibus, Venerabilibus patribus J Wyntonienfi Episcopo Cancellario nostro, W Norwicensi Episcopo Thesaurario nostro, Johanne de Eltham Comite Cornubiæ fratre nostro carissimo, Willelmo de Monte acuto, Henrico de Bello Monte, Johanne Darcy, Radulpho de Neuyl Senescallo hospitii nostri, & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Waltham Sanctæ Crucis, sexto die Februarii anno regni nostri sexto.

Et dicunt quod tempore confectionis Literarum prædictarum prædicti Domini Regis patentium, & ante a tempore cujus memoria non existit, prædicta feria dictæ Civitatis, lastagium ejusdem feriae, stallagium feriae quæ fuit Willelmi Hylyon, & firma prædictæ domus quæ fuit prædicti Willelmi, necnon omnia proficua eorundem feriae lastagii stallagii & firmæ prædictæ provenientia, sunt & fuerunt & esse consueverunt pertinentia ad dictam Civitatem, & parcella dictæ Civitatis, & a tempore confectionis literarum prædictarum dicti Domini Regis avi patentium, & toto tempore postea, sunt & erant parcella firmæ prædictarum xxl, in prædictis Literis Domini Regis content[arum], de qua quidem firma Dominus Rex nunc & progenitores sui, a tempore confectionis prædictarum Literarum patentium, seifiti hucusque & persoluti sunt & fuerunt de firma prædicta. Quæ omnia & singula prædicti Major & Communitas parati sunt verificare prout Curia &c. Et petunt judicium, si Dominus Rex prædictos Majorem & Communitatem de prædictis feria lastagio stallagio seu de firma domus prædictæ, seu de aliquibus exitibus seu proficuis inde provenientibus, ipsos impedire seu onerare velit.

Et scrutatis Rotulis antequam ulterius &c, ut sciatur si satisfactum sit Domino Regi nunc, & dicto Regi avo, de prædictis xxl ann[uis], de firma Civitatis prædictæ, a tempore confectionis literarum dicti Regis avi patentium prædictarum hucusque, necne. Et compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno xviiº Regis nunc, in Devoniam, quod exiguntur ibidem de Majore & Civibus Civitatis Exoniæ xxl per annum, de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis, ab octavo die Junii anno regni dicti Regis avi quinquagesimo, quo die Edwardus nuper Dux Cornubiæ filius ejusdem Regis E avi obiit, Reddendo ad Scaccaria Sancti Michaëlis & Paschæ æqualiter, & CCxxii l xvi s viii d de arreragiis ejusdem firmæ. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno xº Regis nunc, in Item Devoniam, quod Major & Cives Civitatis Exoniæ debent xxl per annum, a tempore mortis prædicti Edwardi Ducis Cornubiæ filii dicti Regis E avi primogeniti, de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis, quam quidem Civitatem præfati Major & Cives habuerunt ad firmam, a sexto die Februarii anno sexto dicti

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dicti Regis avi, ex concessione ipsius Regis avi, Reddendo inde per annum dictas *xxl*, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis, & quam quidem firmam idem Rex avus *xvii* die Marcii anno regni sui *xi* concessit præfato Duci, habend[am] & tenend[am] eidem Duci, & ipsius & hæredum suorum Regum Angliæ filiis primogenitis, & dicti loci Ducibus, in regno Angliæ hæreditarie successur[is], de Rege & hæredibus suis imperpetuum. Qui quidem Edwardus Dux obiit octavo die Junii anno *L* dicti Regis avi, sicut continetur ibidem.

Quibus compertis, dictum est pro Rege, quod prædicta feria Exoniæ, lastagium ejusdem feriae, stallagium feriae quæ fuit Willelmi Hilyon, & firma prædictæ domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi, neque omnia proficua eorundem feriae lastagii stallagii & firmæ prædictæ provenientia, sunt, neque tempore confectionis Literarum dicti Regis avi patentium prædictarum, nec antea nec a tempore cujus memoria non existit, fuerunt, neque esse consueverunt, pertinentia ad dictam Civitatem Exoniæ, neque parcella dictæ Civitatis, neque a tempore confectionis Literarum dicti Regis avi patentium prædictarum hucusque, fuerunt, nec adhuc existunt, nec erant, parcella firmæ prædictarum *xxl* in prædictis Literis dicti Regis avi patentibus contentarum, set unum grossum per se. Et hoc petitur pro Domino Rege quod inquiratur per patriam. Et prædicti Major & Cives dicunt ut prius dixerant. Et petunt similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Devonæ, quod venire faciat hic a die Sancti Michaelis in *xv* dies *xviii* &c de visn[eto] dictæ Civitatis Exoniæ, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, & qui nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est præfatis Majori & Civibus, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem iidem Major & Cives venerunt per dictum Attornatum suum; & Vicecomes retornavit breve cum pannello de nominibus Juratorum. Et ipsi non venerunt. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod distringat ipsos Juratores per terras &c, ita &c a die Sancti Hillarii in *xv* dies. *The Plea is continued upon Alias and Pluries Distringas and Vicecomes non retornavit breve, untill the quinzime of next Easter come Twelvemonth.* Et idem dies datus est præfatis Majori & Civibus, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c.

Et interim facto scrutinio pro Rege, compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno *xx* Regis *H* secundi, in Devon[ia], inter alia, sic; Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de *Lxs* de feria Exoniæ, de *Lxs* de lastagio, & de *xiii* *s* *iiii* *d* de stallagio feriae quæ fuit Willelmi de Helyon, & de *xs* de firma unius domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi. Compertum est etiam in Rotulo *ix* Regis *H* tertii, inter allocatio-

nes factas in titulo Vicecomitis, inter alia, sic; Et in Civitate Exonia *xii* *l* *xix* *s*, de quibus Thomas de Circestria debet respondere, & respondet in compoto suo infra. Compertum est etiam in eodem Rotulo *ix*, inter alia sic; Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de quater *xx* *xi* *l* *d* de firma Maneriorum. In Thesauro *vii* *l* *xvi* *s* *ix* *d*. Et Radulfo Toony *xxii* *l* in Aldrichescote, quod est membrum de Tanton[a], Et Willelmo Brewere *Lxs* in Wasfeld & Tyverton, Et in Lyfton *xv* *l*, Et in Kenton *xxxiii* *l*, Et in Wyka *ix* *l*, Et in Aldrichescote *Lxs*, Et in feria Exoniæ *Lxs*, Et in lastagio ejusdem feriae *Lxs*, Et in stallagio feriae Exoniæ i marca quæ fuit Willelmi de Helyon, Et in firma domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi *xs*. Quas octo firmas *Y* Regina Mater Regis habuit in dotem. Et de quibus Thomas de Cyrecestria respondet in compoto suo. Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in eodem Rotulo *ix*, in compoto dicti Thomæ de Cirecestre, inter alia, sic; Idem Thomas reddit compotum de *xiii* *l* & *ix* *s*, de firma Civitatis Exoniæ de toto anno. In Thesauro liberavit, Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno sexto Regis *E* tertii, in Adhuc Residuum Devonæ, inter alia sic; Major & Cives Civitatis Exoniæ debent *xx* *l* de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis. Quæ quidem Civitas tempore Regis *H* proavi Regis, & aliorum Progenitorum ipsius Regis *H*, fuit de antiquo dominico Coronæ Angliæ, & inde responderi consuevit ad Scaccarium ipsius Regis *H*, per manus Vic[ecomitum] Comitatus Devonæ, & aliorum Custodum ejusdem Civitatis, ut de particula spectante ad firmam Corporis ejusdem Comitatus de *xii* *l* *xix* *s*, & quam Civitatem, pro eo quod dicti Cives prætendebant se tenere eandem ad feodi firmam per Cartam Ricardi quondam Regis Romanorum, cui præfatus Rex *H* concessit dictam firmam duodecim librarum & decem & novem solidorum, percipiend[am] de eadem Civitate in auxilium sustentationis suæ, & qui nullum alium statum habuit in eadem Civitate nisi eandem firmam tantummodo ad voluntatem ejusdem Regis *H*, eadem Civitas per consider[ationem] Curiae Regis capta fuit in manum Regis. Quam etiam Civitatem prædictam Rex sexto die Februarii hoc anno sexto, ad requisitionem Majoris & Civium Civitatis prædictæ, volens ipsorum tranquillitati & quieti, & ut negotiationibus suis commodius vacare poterunt, providere, concessit & carta sua confirmavit pro se & hæredibus suis, eidem Majori & Civibus, habend[am] eidem & Successoribus suis ad feodi firmam, cum omnibus ad firmam illam spectantibus, Reddendo inde Regi & hæredibus Regis per annum ad Scaccarium *xxl*, unam videlicet medietatem ad Scaccarium Paschæ, & aliam medietatem ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaëlis imperpetuum, & sustentando alia onera eidem firmæ prius incumbentia. Compertum est etiam in magno

Magno Rotulo de anno xiiii^o Regis E tertii, in Devoniam, inter alia sic; Idem Vicecomes debet Lxviii l iiii s iiii d de firm[a] Maneriorum, Qui sunt de remanente de quater xx, xil id de dictis firmis Maneriorum, Et de prædictis Lxviii l iiii s iiii d, qui nunc exiguntur sub nomine Vicecomitis de firmis Maneriorum, sunt particulæ subscriptæ, videlicet, xxxiiii l de firma de Kenton, ix l de firma de Wyke, Lx s de firma de Aylricheston, Lx s de feria Exoniæ, Lx s de firma lastagii ejusdem feriæ, xiii s iiii d de Stallagio feriæ quæ fuit Willelmi de Helyon, xs de firma unius domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi, Lx s de firma de Wasfeld & parva Tyverton, & xiii l in Taunton, sicut continetur in Rotulo xvi^o & in Rotulo xx^o Regis H secundi. Quibus compertis, quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Majori & Civibus usque a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies in statu quo nunc, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c.

Et interim facto scrutinio pro Rege, Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno xvi^o Regis Johannis, in Devoniam, sic; Vicecomes reddit compotum de CCCxii l vii s bl[ancis] de firma Devoniam, nulla facta mentione ibidem de Civitate Exoniæ. Et dictus Vicecomes habet de Superplus[agio] ibidem iiii l xvi s iiii d bl[ancos]: Et in eodem Rotulo xvi^o inter alia sic; Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de quater xx xil id de firm[is] Maneriorum, In thesauro xvl id, Et Willelmo Brewere Lx s in Wyverton, Et eidem xxxiiii l in Kenton, de quibus respondet infra, Et Willelmo de Gatesdene xvl in Liffon, Et Radulfo Toeny xii l in Alrichescote, Et Ricardo Malherbe xii l in Alrichescote, & Wyke, & Slocton, Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno primo prædicti Regis Johannis, inter alia, sic; Vicecomes ibidem de dimidio hoc anno reddit compotum de CLvi l viii s vi d bl[ancis], de firm[a] de Devoniam de dimidio anno, In thesauro iiii l xii s id bl[anci]; Et A Reginæ matri Regis vi l ix s vi d in Civitate Exoniæ; Et debet Cs i d bl[ancos]; De quibus respondet in Rotulo sexto sequente. Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de quater xx xil id de firma Maneriorum Comitatus numero, cum lastagio & stallagio & feria Exoniæ, & aliis quibusdam, sicut annotatur in Rotulo xx^o Regis H secundi, In thesauro nichil, Et Willelmo Brewere Lx s in Quiverton cum pertinentiis, Et A Reginæ xvl numero in Liffon, Et eidem xxxiiii l in Kenton, Et eidem Lx s in Alricheston, Et eidem Lx s in feria Exoniæ, Et eidem Lx s de lastagio, Et eidem una marca de stallagio feriæ quæ fuit Willelmi de Helyon, Et eidem xs de firma unius domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi, Et eidem ix l in Wyke, Et Comiti Johanni vi l xv s in Aderichescote quæ vocatur Tanton In Rotulo xx^o Regis Henrici secundi de dimidio anno, Et debet xiiii l vi s ix d.

Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno xi^o Regis E primi inter alia sic; Thomas del Pyn reddit compotum de CCCxii l vii s bl[ancis] de firma Comitatus, In thesauro nichil, Et in elemosina constituta Canonicis Sanctæ Trinitatis Londoniæ xxv l xii s vi d in Civitate Exonia, Et Edmundo Comiti Cornubiæ xii l xix s in eadem Civitate, Et dictus Thomas del Pyn habet de superplusagio xv l xix s ii d bl[ancos] qui sunt ext[ensi], Quod totum allocatur ei infra. Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de quater xx xil id de firma Maneriorum, In thesauro nichil, Et Edmundo filio & hæredi Comitis Ricardi avunculi Regis, in octo firmis de dote Isabellæ quondam Reginæ Angliæ Lxvii l xld, sicut continetur in Rotulo xiiii^o Regis H, Et hæ[er]edibus] W Brewere Lx s in Wacefeld & Tiverton, Et Petronillæ quæ fuit uxor Radulfi de Thony xiii l in Alrichescote & Suttanton, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxv Regis H, Et in superplusagio quod habuit supra, post corpus Comitatus, vii l xvi s viii d.

Quibus compertis, quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Majori & Civibus usque a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies in Statu quo nunc, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Major & Cives venerunt per Thomam Broket attornatum suum. Et ob causam prædictam habent diem ulterius in statu quo nunc, usque a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Major & Cives —, *They had day over to Easter Term, From thence to Trinity Term, And from thence a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c.* Ante quem diem dictus Dominus Rex cessavit de regimine regni sui; per quam cessionem loquela prædicta remansit sine die. Per quod concordatum est inter Barones, quod pro Rege Henrico quarto prædicti Major & Communitas Civitatis Exoniæ de novo præmuniatur, per breve ejusdem Regis H, essendi hic ad ostendendum & proponendum, si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipsi de prædictis Lx s per annum de feria Exoniæ, Lx s per annum de lastagio ejusdem feriæ, xiii s iiii d per annum de stallagio feriæ quæ fuit prædicti Willelmi Helyon, & xs per annum de firma dictæ domus quæ fuit ejusdem Willelmi Helyon, a tempore mortis prædicti Principis, versus dictum Dominum Regem Henricum onerari, & eidem Domino Regi H inde respondere & satisfacere non debeant. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Devoniam, quod per probos &c Scire faciat &c, Ita &c a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad ostendendum &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut alias &c, ita &c a die Paschæ in xv dies. *The proceeding is continued in this manner from Term to Term untill the next Easter come-Two-years in*

CHAP. Town, so long as he should hold the said Custody (p).

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After this manner the Issues of the Cities and Towns arose. By those Issues the Fee-ferm of the City or Town was wont to be estimated by the Kings Officers, and in consequence thereof to be imposed upon the Townsmen. The Fee-ferm was paid in lieu of the Issues. So that if the Fee-ferm ceased or was determined, the King immediately became entituled to have and receive the Issues (q).

IV. It is likely, that Townsmen or Members of the Community were the persons who rightfully ought to enjoy the franchises of the Town. It resteth to be enquired, Who were formerly deemed Townsmen. That question was sometimes resolved and determined by the Barons of the Exchequer, upon application made to them. And sometimes the King himself, in his Charter or Grant to the Town, declared Who the persons were that should enjoy the Liberties. The sum of that matter was This. They were deemed Townsmen, Who had a settled Dwelling in the Town, Who merchandised There, Who were of the Hanse or Gild, Who were in Lot and Scot with the Townsmen, and Who used or enjoyed the Liberties and free customes of the Town. To have a settled Dwelling or abode in the Town made Part, but not the Whole of the Description of a Townsman (r). Some of the other qualifications just above mentioned, if not All of them, were requisite to compleat the Denomination. I will set-down a few instances to confirm in the general

in xv dies. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut pluries, ita &c a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in xv dies. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo præceptum est ei sicut pluries &c, ita &c a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies. *There is nothing more in this Roll. Mich. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 35.*

I have been content to set-down this long Proceeding verbatim, because it containeth a little history of the City of Exeter.

(p) Norf. Suff. De Willelmo Hopton Armigero & aliis manucaptoribus suis attachiatis pro custodia villæ Donewici, ac de omnibus bonis & catallis terris & tenementis prædictorum Willelmi & aliorum in manum Regis, pro compoto de exitibus proficuis commoditatibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus eidem villæ pertinentibus Regi reddendo, nomine districtionis capiendis.

Compertum est in Originali de anno xxviii^o Regis nunc Rotulo xx^o, quod idem Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, datas primo die Junii eodem anno xxviii^o, ac per manucaptionem Johannis Mereweder de hospitio Regis Armigeri, & Thomæ Deyvill de Comitatu Suff[olciæ] Gentilman, commisit Willelmo Hopton Armigero Custodiam villæ de Donewico, cum omnibus exitibus proficuis commoditatibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus & pertinentiis eidem villæ pertinentibus debitis & consuetis, in manu Regis existentibus, Habendum a festo Paschæ tunc ultimo præterito, usque ad finem decem annorum extunc proximo sequentium & completorum, Reddendo inde Regi per annum extentam inde factam vel faciendam, vel prout inter Thesaurarium Angliæ & præfatum Willelmum Hopton citra festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo futurum inde poterit concordari, ac sustentando domos claufuras & ædificia, necnon supportando omnia alia onera dictæ villæ cum pertinentiis spectantia

five aliquo modo incumbentia, quamdiu custodiam habuerit supradictam: Per quod, pro eo quod prædictus Willelmus Hopton necnon manuctores sui prædicti, pluries districti & manucti de veniendo ad Scaccarium hic, ad reddendum Domino Regi Compotum de exitibus & proficuis villæ prædictæ cum omnibus exitibus proficuis commoditatibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus prædictis, videlicet a festo Paschæ dicto anno xxviii & deinceps, unde nondum computavit, se per districtiones & manuctiones hujusmodi justiciari non curarunt ad reddendum Regi compotum antedictum, set redditionem dicti compoti diffugiunt in quantum possunt, in contemptum Regis, dampnum &c: Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Comitatum Norff. & Suff. quod non omitteret &c, quin eam &c, & attachiaret tam præfatum Willelmum Hopton quam manuctores suos prædictos per corpora eorum ubicunque &c, Et eos salvo &c, Ita &c in Craftino S Hillarii, ad audiendum judicium suum de contemptu prædicto, Et ad reddendum Regi compotum antedictum, Et quod interim omnia bona & catalla terras & tenementa prædictorum Willelmi Johannis & Thomæ in balliva sua caperet in manum Regis nomine districtionis, Et ea salvo &c, Ita quod de bonis & catallis illis &c quousque vel aliud &c, Et constare faceret hic ad eundem diem quæ & cujusmodi bona & catalla & cujus pretii, necnon quas terras & quæ tenementa & cujus annui valoris ceperit in manum Regis occasione præmissa & ubi, unacum die captionis eorundem in manum Regis &c. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non retornavit breve. Ideo &c, Ita &c in Craftino Sancti Michaelis anno futuro. *Mich. Communia 31 Hen. 6. Rot. 16. dorso.*

(q) *Firma Burgi cap. 11. sect. 1 & 3. passim; & alibi.*

(r) *Firma Burgi, cap. 11. sect. 4. nu. 16, 18, 19.*

CHAP. neral what I have here said. Other instances may be found in the History of the S E C T.
XI. Exchequer and in this Volume. IV.

1. K Henry I issued a Precept on behalf of the Canons of *Huntendon*, directed to the Bishop of *Lincoln*, the Earl of *Huntendon*, the Sherif, and all the Kings Barons and Liege-men of *Huntendonsbire*, commanding that the Soke of *St Marie* and the Canons of *Huntendon* and their Two Hydes of *Normanscross-hundred* should be Quitt of the Community and Gelds of the Burgh of *Huntendon*; provided that if any man of the said Soke have Stallage in the Burgh, and be in the Community of the Burgh, then he is to be lyable to pay the rightful Custome or Dues for his Stallage (s).

2. Sometimes the King granted to a particular man dwelling in one of his De-meane-towns, that he should enjoy the Liberties belonging to a Burgeses There. *David* the *Dyer* Fined to K *John*, That his Masage in *Carlile* might be a Bur-gage, and that he might have the same Liberties as the other Burgeses of *Car-lile* had (t).

3. K *John* by his Charter granted franchises to his Burgeses of *Helleston* in *Cornwall*. By That Charter he provided, that none of the Burgeses should en-joy the franchises granted, unless he was resident in the Town (u).

4. Lands lying in the Town of *Grimsby* were vested in the Canons of *Grimf-by*. The Canons apply to the King to grant, that their Tenants of those lands might not follow the Court of the Burgeses of *Grimsby* but the Court of the Canons, and that they might be tallaged by Themselves, apart from the Burges-fes (w).

5. In the Eleventh year of K *John*, the Burgeses of *Shrewsbury* Fined to the King in xx marks and one palfrey, That no man might buy Raw Hides or Unful-led Cloth within that Burgh, unless he was in *Lotto*, and was assessed and tallaged with the Townsmen (x).

6. K *Henry III* in the Eleventh year of his reign granted to his Burgeses of *Gloucester* (amongst other Liberties), That if any mans Villain should continue in the said Burgh, and be in the Merchant-gild and Hanse There, and in Lot and Scot with the Burgeses, for the space of a year and a day, without being claimed

(s) H Rex Angl[orum], R Episcopo Lin-c[oln]iæ, & Comitibus David, & Vicecomiti, & omnibus Baronibus & fidelibus suis de Hun-tendonscira, salutem. Volo & præcipio quod Soka sanctæ Mariæ & Canonicorum de Hun-tendon[a], & duæ Hydæ suæ de Normanescros hundredo, sint ita quietæ de Communi-tate & Geldis Burgi Huntend[on]æ, sicut Co-mitatus intravit inde in diratiocinamentum adversum Burgeses, & in Burgensibus defe-cit. Et si quis † est Hominum de Soka sua qui habeat estallagium in Burgo, & sit in Communitate Burgi, si non reddat ibi consue-tudinem estallagii sui quam juste reddere de-buerit. Teste Episcopo Lincoln[i]æ & pluri-bus aliis. *Chartæ Antiquæ*, H, nu. 9.

(t) David Tinctor r c de i marca, per sic quod Masagium suum quod habet in Karleolo sit Burgagium, & quod ipse habeat easdem Libertates quas alii Burgeses habent de Kar-leolo. *Mag. Rot. 3 Job. Rot. 18. b. Cum-berland*.

(u) Ita quod nullus Burgensium prædicto-rum nisi residens fuerit in prædicta villa de Helleston has habebit libertates. *Brady of Burghs, in append. p 16. a.*

(w) *Hist. Exch. p 281. col. 2. q. anno 8 Job. Regis.*

(x) *Hist. Excheq. p 283, col. 1. k. Here, by pannus crudus seemeth to be meant Cloth not fulled. So it was understood in the reign of K Edward IV, as appeareth by the Statute: Item monstre fust en le dit parlement per les com-munes, que come in diverses parties deins cest royaume de jour en autre estoit use per mer-chantz sibien estraunges come denizeins, dachater file launs per les livres & autres poisees es diverses merchez & feires, dont drap ser-roit fait, & semblablement dachater draps crudes nient fulles, & mesme le file & drap crude si nient fulles cariont oultre le meer, pur toutz queux file & draps nient fullez nostre dit Seignour le roy nul manere custume aunage ne nul autre profite ne availe prist, lou le dit file fussent tiste & les ditz draps fullez deins le royaume, le roy averoit la cu-stume & aunage pur les mesmez, & textours & fullons le dit royaume ferroient bien occu-piez, pur defaute de quoy lez liegez nostre dit Seignour le roy sont grandement endama-ges & empovereshes, & estraunges perent le meulx occupies & enriches —. *Pynsons Sta-tutes 7 Edw. 4. cap. 3.**

† In the Charter-Roll this last clause is imperfect in sense; some words being left out by the Writer.

C H A P. claimed [by his Lord], after that time his Lord should not be able to reclaim S E C T.
 XI. him, but he might remain free in the said Burgh. It seemeth that (in favour of IV.
 Liberty) the Villain in this case was looked-upon to be a Townsman or Gremial
 Burgefs (y).

7. In the Twentyninth year of K *Henry III*, the Men of the Kings Town of *Castre* in *Lincolnshire* complained to the King, that *William Robertfon* and others did partake with the Townsmen in Trade and other Liberties, but refused to partake with them in Tallages and other customary payments pertaining to the Ferm of the Town: The King by his Writ commands the Sherif of *Lincolnshire* to summon the said *William* and others into the Exchequer, to answer touching the premisses (z).

8. In the Fortieth year of K *Henry III*, the Men of the Suburbs of *Warwick* claimed and enjoyed the Liberty of Trading in the Town of *Warwick* equally with the Townsmen; but were unwilling to partake with the Townsmen in Common Amerciaments. Both Suburbians and Townsmen were summoned into the Exchequer, that the Barons There might determine the matter between them (a).

9. In the one and fortieth year of K *Henry III*, the Men of the Priour of St *Sepulcre* of *Warwick* were at Geld with the Burgeffes of *Warwick*, and paid their quota towards a Common amercement sett upon the Burgh of *Warwick* (b).

10. In the Two and fortieth year of K *Henry III*, in a Concordate made between the Abbot of St *Austin* at *Canterbury* and the Citifens of That City, it was agreed, that the Abbots Men or Tenants who traded in the City should join with the Citizens in *lot* and *scot*, and in tallage and guard; and when a tallage was assessed, it should be gathered by view of the Abbots bailif, if he would be present thereat, if not, then by the bailifs of the City (c).

II. K *Henry*

(y) — Concessimus etiam eisdem [Burgensibus Glocestriae], quod si aliquis natus alicujus in praedicto Burgo manserit, & etiam in eo se tenuerit, & fuerit in gilda mercatoria, & hanfa, & Loth & Scot, cum eisdem Burgensibus nostris per unum annum & unum diem sine calumpnia, deinceps non possit repeti a Domino suo, set in eodem Burgo liber permaneat. Hiis testibus, Dominis Waltero Archiepiscopo Ebor[acensi], Waltero Karliolenfi Episcopo, Huberto de Burgo Comite Kanciae Justiciario nostro—. Data per manus—vi die Aprilis anno r n undecimo. *Hil. Communia* 19 *Edw.* 2. *Rot.* 41. a.

Clauses of this nature were frequently inserted in the ancient charters granted to Burghs.

(z) *Lincolnia*. Rex Vicecomiti. Questi sunt nobis probi homines nostri de Castr[e], quod cum Willelmus filius Roberti de Ounetheby, Abbas de Grimesby, & alii nominati in brevi, ingressi sint dominica nostra de Castr[e], ipsi contradicunt ad participandum cum praedictis Hominibus in tallagiis sectis Curiarum & aliis consuetudinibus pertinentibus ad firmam nostram de Castr[e], Ita quod praedicti Homines non possunt nobis integre respondere de eadem firma, desicut praedicti nominati participant cum praedictis Hominibus in mercandis & omnibus aliis libertatibus ejusdem Villae. Et ideo tibi praecipimus, quod venire facias coram Baronibus de Scaccario in Octabis Sancti Martini praedictos nominatos, ad ostendendum coram praedictis

Baronibus, quare nolunt participare cum praedictis Hominibus in tallagiis & aliis consuetudinibus ejusdem Villae, & quo warento ipsi ingressi sunt dominica nostra contra voluntatem nostram. Et habeas tunc breve. Teste ut supra [viz. T A Thes[aurario] sancti Pauli Londoniae xxii^o die Octobris]. *Mich. Communia* 29 *Hen.* 3. *Rot.* 2. b.

(a) *Cap.* 10. *sect.* 8.

(b) *War.* Monstravit Regi Prior sancti Sepulcri de Warewyk, quod cum Homines ipsius Prioris qui Geldabiles sunt in Burgo Warwici, solverint Vicecomiti portionem ipsos contingentem de xl marcis, ad quas praedictus Burgus amerciatus fuit pro Transgressione, Vicecomes injuste distringit ipsos &c, ad reddendum iterum &c. Et ideo mandatum est Vicecomiti quod si est ita, tunc de demanda &c pacem &c, Et averia &c. *Pas. Communia* 41 *Hen.* 3. *Rot.* 14.

(c) — quin illi [viz the Men or Tenants of the Abbot of St Austin] qui mercandis faciunt sint in lot & scot & in tallagio & in defensione ipsorum contra omnes sicut prius fuerunt, sine aliqua contradictione ipsius Abbatis vel successorum suorum imperpetuum, ita quod quando tallagium assessum est super eos, tallagium illud colligatur per visum ballivi domini Abbatis, si interesse voluerit, & si non, tunc licite per ballivos praedictae civitatis. *Thorn inter x Scriptor.* col. 1916. n. 50.

CHAP. 11. K Henry III in the Fortyeighth year of his reign granted to his Citifens of S E C T.
 XI. Worcester, that they and their Heirs should have a Merchant-gild with a Hanse IV.

and other customs and liberties pertaining to a Gild; and that no man who was not in That Gild should exercise any Trade in the said City or suburb thereof, without the consent of the said Citifens; and that if any mans Villain should abide in the said City, and continue in the said Gild and Hanse, and in Lot and Scot with the said Citifens, by the space of a year and a day, without being claimed [by his Lord], after that time his Lord should not have power to fetch him back, but he should remain free in the said City (d).

12. In the Fifth year of K Edward I, the Men holding of the Kings Castle of *Norwich* enjoyed the benefit of trading in the City of *Norwich* like as the Citizens enjoyed, but declined contributing to the Tallages and other Aids demandable of the Citizens. The Barons of the Exchequer adjudged, that the said Tenants of the Castle ought to contribute with the Citizens in the said Tallages and other Aids (e).

13. In the six and twentieth year of K Edward I, the Men of *Kingston* upon *Hull* in *Yorkshire* by their Petition exhibited to the King Prayed, that for the amendment of the Town and the improvement of the Kings Rents There, certain Franchises might be granted to them, with a Clause to be contained in the Charter of Grant, That no man might enjoy the said franchises, except onely the Kings Tenants of the said Town who are and will be in *Lot* and *Escot* with the Townsmen (f). And accordingly K Edward I by his Charter dated in the seven and twentieth year of his reign, granted several franchises to the said Men of *Kingston* upon *Hull*; and ordered that all the Townsmen who desired to enjoy the said franchises, should be at *Geld* and *Scot* with the said Townsmen, as oft as the Town should happen to be tallaged (g).

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(d) K Henry III by his Charter dated the Thirtieth day of March anno regni XLVIII, granted to the Citizens of Worcester, quod iidem Cives & eorum hæredes habeant Gildam mercatoriam cum Hanfa & aliis consuetudinibus & libertatibus ad illam Gildam pertinentibus. Et quod nullus qui non sit in gilda illa mercandisam aliquam faciat in prædicta Civitate vel in Suburbio, nisi de voluntate eorundem Civium. Et etiam quod si aliquis natus alicujus in præfata Civitate manserit, & etiam se tenuerit & fuerit in præfata gilda & hanfa & lot & scot cum eisdem Civibus nostris per unum annum & unum diem sine calumpnia, deinceps non possit repeti a Domino suo, set in eadem Civitate liber permaneat —. Ex Carta Regis Hen. V de Inspectione & Confirmatione, data 5 die Feb. anno regni primo; ac ex Literis Pat. Regis Edw. IV Confirmatoriis datis 20 die Decembris anno regni primo; utrisque munitis Magno Sigillo.

(e) Vicecomiti Norfolciæ pro Civibus Norwici. Quia in Curia Regis coram Baronibus de Scaccario suo consideratum fuit, quod quicumque velint mercandizare in Civitate sua Norwici cum Civibus ejusdem Civitatis, contribuant cum eisdem in tallagiis & aliis auxiliis sicut ipsi Cives: Rex præcepit eidem, quod homines tenentes de feodo Castelli sui prædictæ Civitatis, seu alios quoscunque mercandizantes in eadem Civitate cum Civibus prædictis, permittat contribuere cum eisdem in tallagiis & aliis auxiliis, juxta considerati-

onem prædictam. Teste R de Northwode &c. Per Rotulum Placitorum de anno R Domini H Regis vicesimo primo. Mich. Communia 4 & 5 Edw. I. Rot. 1. a.

(f) The Petition of the Men of Kyngeston upon Hull saith, E qe nul joise les Franchises fusescrites fors qe les Tenantz de meisme la Vile qui sont & estre volent a Lot & Escot ove ceux de la Vile. Hist. Excheq. p 292, col. 2.

(g) Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquit[aniæ], Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod ad meliorationem Villæ nostræ de Kyngeston super Hull, & utilitatem & commodum Hominum nostrorum ejusdem villæ, volumus & concedimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicta villa nostra decætero liber burgus sit, & Homines ejusdem villæ liberi sint Burgenfes, & habeant omnes libertates & liberas consuetudines ad liberum Burgum spectantes imperpetuum. Ita tamen quod Burgus ille per aliquem Hominem fidelem per nos & hæredes nostros ad hoc successive eligendum custodiatur, qui prius præstet sacramentum corporale burgenfibus prædictis super sancta Dei Evangelia, quod ipse omnes libertates eisdem Burgenfibus & Burgo a nobis concessas conservabit illæfas, & fideliter & diligenter faciet omnia ea quæ ad officium custodis

CHAP. 14. In the Twentyseventh year of K *Edward* I, the Men of the Priour of *S E C T.*
 XI. *Norwich* who lived in *Norwich* and Held of the King, enjoyed all the privileges IV.
 of the Citifens of That City within the Town and without. For that reason
 they (the Priours Men) were tallaged to the King with the Citifens (*b*).

15. In the Ninth year of K *Edward* II, *Giles Beaupigne* and others Merchants of *Amiens* were asselled amongst the Townsmen of *Cirencestre* to the Quinzime due to the King. The King, upon complaint made to him, commands the Barons of the Exchequer by his Writ, That if the said *Giles* and others were Foreign Merchants not having a settled abode in the Town, and did not enjoy the Liberties of the Town, then they (the Barons) should cause the said *Giles* and others to be acquitted of the said Quinzime (*i*).

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custodis pertinent in Burgo prædicto. Concedimus etiam pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti Burgenses & eorum hæredes ac successores sui may bequeath the lands and tenements which they have within the Burgh to whomsoever they will, That they may have Return of Writs, That they may Plead and be impleaded within the Burgh onely, That they by vertue of a Writ of the Kings Chancery may choose a Coroner de seipsis, Et insuper volumus & concedimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris quod quædam prisona nostra fiat & habeatur in eodem Burgo ad malefactores ibidem deprehenso castigandos, & furcæ similiter extra burgum prædictum super solum nostrum proprium erigantur, ita quod prædictus Custos de Infangenethief & Utfangene-thief iudicium facere possit. Volumus insuper & concedimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod dicti Burgenses & eorum hæredes per totum regnum & potestatem nostram de theolonio pontagio passagio paviagio & muragio & omnibus aliis consuetudinibus de rebus & mercandis suis propriis præstandis imperpetuum sint quieti. Et quod omnes illi de Burgo prædicto libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus prædictis gaudere volentes sint ad geldam & scottum cum eisdem Burgensibus, quociens burgum illum contigerit talliari. Concedimus insuper pro nobis & hæredibus nostris præfatis Burgensibus, quod ipsi & eorum hæredes imperpetuum habeant duo mercata singulis septimanis infra burgum prædictum in loco per nos ad hoc deputato tenend[a], unum videlicet per diem Martis & aliud per diem Veneris, & unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per triginta dies duratur[am], videlicet in die Sancti Augustini post Pascha & per viginti & novem dies proximo sequentes, nisi mercata illa & feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum & vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod prædicta villa nostra decætero liber burgus sit & Homines ejusdem villæ liberi sint burgenses, & habeant omnes libertates & liberas consuetudines ad liberum burgum spectantes imperpetuum, *It repeateth all the several clauses above mentioned, Amongst the rest, this,* Et quod omnes illi de burgo prædicto libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus prædictis gaudere volentes sint ad geldam

& scottum cum eisdem Burgensibus, quociens burgum illum contigerit talliari. *Then follows the repetition of the Clause for the Markets and Fair, ending with the words* vicinarum feriarum; sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, Venerabili patre W Coventr[ensi] & Lichefelden[si] Episcopo, Henrico de Lacy Comite Linc[oln]iæ, Henrico de Percy, Johanne Tregoz, Waltero de Bello Campo Senescallo Hospicii nostri, Rogero Brabazon, Johanne de Metyngham, Petro Malore, Waltero de Gloucestre, & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium] primo die Aprilis anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo. *Carta Regis Edw. 1. per Inspeximus, in Originali 5 Edw. 3. Rot. 26.*

(*b*) Homines Prioris de Nortwico qui tenent de Rege in Nortwico, & habent omnes libertates quas ipsi de Civitate habent infra villam & extra, [debent] Cxxxiii^l vis & viii^d & pluribus tallagiis, sicut continetur in Rotulo Lv. *Mag. Rot. 27 Edw. 1. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.*

(*i*) Baronibus pro Egidio Beaupigne Henrico Beaupigne & aliis. Ex parte Egidii Beaupigne Henrici Beaupigne Johannis de Sancto Finciano & Roberti Fratris ejus Mercatorum de Ambian[o] Regi est ostensum, quod licet ipsi Cives seu Burgenses alicubi infra Regnum Regis non sint, nec domicilia terras seu tenementa aliqua infra idem regnum habeant, nisi quasdam Shopas in Cirencestria quas conducunt pro mercandis suis reponendis quousque commodum suum facere possint de eisdem, Barones nichilominus, pro eo quod Taxatores & Collectores Quintædecimæ nuper in Comitatu Glouc[estriæ] assignati quintamdecimam in bonis & mercandis eorundem Egidii Henrici Johannis & Roberti in Villa prædicta occasione Shoparum illarum assederunt, hujusmodi quintamdecimam ab eis per Vicecomitem Comitatus prædicti levare intendunt, & ipsos ea occasione inquietari faciunt multipliciter & distringi, in ipsorum Egidii Henrici Johannis & Roberti dispendium non modicum & gravamen: Et quia Rex eisdem Egidio Henrico Johanni & Roberto injuriari non vult in hac parte, mandat Baronibus, quod si eis constare poterit ita esse, & prædicti Egidius Henricus Johannes & Robertus

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CHAP. 16. In the First year of K *Edward II*, a *Fifteenth a Laicis* was granted to the King. To this *Fifteenth Cambin Fulbert* of *Florence* was assessed in *London* with the Citifens at *xl s*. In the Nineteenth year, *Cambin* came into the Exchequer and Pleaded, That at the time of Granting and Levying the said *Fifteenth* he was a Merchant-stranger, and not a Citifens of *London*, nor had any [settled] Dwelling in the City, nor used the Liberties of the City. The matter of this Plea was tryed by a Jury. The Jury Found, That in the said First year *Cambin* was a Foreign-merchant, and paid Customes and prestatations with Foreign merchants, that he was not Then a Citifens of *London*, nor had a Dwelling There, nor was of the Liberty of the City, nor did enjoy the Liberties thereof. It appeared also by a Certificate made by the Mayor and Chamberlain of *London* from the Chamberlains Register, That *Cambin* was admitted to the Liberty of the said City on Monday next after the Feast of the Translation of St *Edward* in the Seventeenth year of K *Edward II*. Thereupon, the Court ordered that he be discharged of the said *xl s* (*k*).

17. In the reign of K *Edward II*, the goods and merchandises of several *Italian* Merchants at present residing in *London* are assessed to the Kings *Sixth* amongst the

bertus Mercatores extranei sint, & de mercandis suis quas infra regnum Regis duci faciunt, debitas Custumas cum Mercatoribus extraneis Regi solvant, & domicilia terras seu tenementa aliqua infra eandem Villam non habeant, nec Libertatibus aliquibus cum Hominibus ejusdem Villæ gaudeant vel utantur, tunc ipsos Egidium Henricum Johannem & Robertum de hujusmodi quintadecima Regi de mercandis suis prædictis præstanda quietos esse faciant; Distinctiones eis ea occasione factas sine dilatione relaxari facientes eisdem. T Rege apud Staunford xxvii^o die Octobris anno nono. *Mich. Brevia 9 Edw. 2. Rot. 15. b.*

(*k*) *Londonia*. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo quod est inter Communia de anno xvii, in hæc verba. *Edwardus Dei g R A D H & D A*, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Monstravit nobis *Cambinus Fulbert* de *Florentia* nunc Civis ut asserit Civitatis nostræ *Londoniæ* quod cum —. *Cambin* was assessed in *London* to the *Fifteenth* de Civitatibus & Burgis dicti Regni nobis concessæ eodem anno [viz. primo Regis E II]. Teste me ipso apud *Berkele* secundo die Februarii anno r n xvii. Et modo venit hic prædictus *Cambinus*, & queritur quod Vicecomites *Londoniæ* ipsum graviter distringunt pro prædictis *xl s*, minus juste, dicit enim quod tempore concessionis & levationis dictæ quintadecimæ & per magnum tempus postea fuit Mercator alienigena, & non Civis dictæ Civitatis, & tanquam Mercator alienigena custumas & alias præstationes de mercimoniis suis solvit, & quod ipse nullum domicilium habuit in eadem Civitate, nec libertatibus dictæ Civitatis usus fuit, & hoc prærendit verificare qualitercumque Curia &c; & petit exonerari de prædictis *xl s*. Et scrutatis Rotulis super exactionem prædictorum *xl s*, compertum est quod *xl s* exiguntur de *Cambino Fulbert* de quinta decima sua Regi nunc anno regni sui primo concessa, in *Warda* de *Bysshopesgate Londonia*, sicut conti-

netur in Magno Rotulo de anno xviii^o Regis nunc in *Londonia*, & in Rotulis compotorum vicesimæ & quintæ decimæ Regi nunc a laicis anno regni sui primo concessis, in compoto *Nicholai de Farndon Majoris & Aldermannorum Civitatis Londoniæ*, Collectorum dictæ quintæ decimæ in Civitate *Londonia*. Et quia Curia vult plenius certorari super suggestis per prædictum *Cambinum*, præceptum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat hic die Sabbati xxvi die Aprilis hoc anno xviii probos & legales homines de *Warda* prædicta, per quos &c, ad certificandum si dictus *Cambinus* dicto anno primo fuit Mercator alienigena ut superius suggerit, vel Civis dictæ Civitatis, & domicilium habens in eadem, & libertatibus utens. Et idem dies datus est prædicto *Cambino*. Ad quem diem prædictus *Cambinus* venit hic. Et inquisitio similiter venit, per *Rogerum de Notyngham* & alios, sicut plenius continetur in pannello dictæ Inquisitionis, quæ est inter brevibus executis pro Rege de hoc anno; qui Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod dictus *Cambinus* prædicto anno primo fuit Mercator alienigena, & cum hujusmodi Mercatoribus custumas & præstationes solvit, & quod tunc non fuit Civis dictæ Civitatis, nec domicilium habuit in eadem, nec etiam fuit de libertate Civitatis *Londoniæ*, nec prædictis libertatibus usus fuit. Compertum est etiam per quandam certificationem, factam hic prætextu brevis prædicti per Majorem & Camerar[um] *Londoniæ*, quæ certificatio est inter brevibus executis pro Rege anno xviii^o hujus Regis, quod scrutato Registro Camerar[um] Civitatis *Londoniæ*, inventum est *Cambinum Fulbert* ad libertatem Civitatis prædictæ fuisse admissum die Lunæ proximo post festum Translationis Sancti *Edwardi* anno xvii^o Regis nunc. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus *Cambinus* exoneretur de prædictis *xl s* ab eo exactis de quintadecima prædicta, & inde quietus existat, prætextu brevis Regis, Inquisitionis, & certificationis prædictorum. *Pas. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 48. a.*

CHAP. the Citifens of *London*. They complain to the King in his Chancery: Who by his S E C T.
 XI. Writ commandeth his Treafurer and Barons of the Exchequer to relieve them if IV.

they were wronged. *Boniface de Peruche* for the Society of *Peruchi*, *Cante de Scale* for the Society of *Scali*, and other persons for themselves, appear in the Exchequer, and Plead that they are not Citifens of *London*, nor do or ought to contribute with the Citifens, nor do enjoy or use the Liberties of the City, by means whereof they might be charged to contribute with the Citifens to the Kings *Sixth*. The Barons order an Inquisition to be taken. The Enquest Findeth, That *Cante de Scale* and his companions Merchants of the Company of *Scali* of *Florence* and others hereunder named are not Citifens of *London*, nor do contribute with the Citifens in taxes tallages or other Burdens belonging to the City, whereby they may be taxed to the said *Sixth*, nor do use any Liberties or Customs with the Citifens. So the Barons give Judgment, That the Merchants be discharged of the said Debts (l).

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(l) *London[ia]*. De Mercatoribus *Peruch[iis]* & aliis Mercatoribus alienigenis exonerandis de Sexta concessa in *Londonia* anno xvi^o hujus Regis.

Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de anno xviii^o, in hæc verba. *Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum Dominus E* quondam Rex Angliæ pater noster per Cartam suam, pro quibusdam custumis & præstationibus quas Mercatores regnorum terrarum & provinciarum, videlicet, *Alem[annia]*, *Franc[ia]*, *Ispann[ia]*, *Portegal[ia]*, *Navar[ræ]*, *Lumbard[ia]*, *Tuscia*, *Provincia*, *Catholon[ia]*, *Ducatus nostri Aquit[ania]*, *Tholosan[i]*, *Caturcinni*, *Flandr[ia]*, *Brabanc[ia]*, & aliarum terrarum & locorum extraneorum, de bonis & mercandis suis infra regnum nostrum ducendis sive de eodem educendis eidem patri nostro & hæredibus suis imperpetuum, ultra antiquas custumas & præstationes inde prius debitas concesserunt, concessisset pro se & hæredibus suis eisdem Mercatoribus, quod nulla exactio prisæ vel præstatio, aut aliquod aliud onus, super personas Mercatorum prædictorum, mercandisas seu bona eorundem, aliquatenus imponatur, prout in Carta prædicta plenius continetur: ac jam ex querela Mercatorum de Societatibus *Bardorum*, *Scalorum*, *Peruch[iorum]*, & aliorum Mercatorum extraneorum & alienigenarum de terris & locis prædictis in Civitate nostra *Londoniæ* commorantium, nobis sit ostensum, quod licet ipsi Cives Civitatis illius non existant, nec libertatibus & consuetudinibus ejusdem Civitatis gaudeant vel utantur, pro eo tamen quod assessores Sextæ nuper nobis in eadem Civitate concessæ, bona & mercandisas Mercatorum eorundem ad diversas pecuniarum summas pro eadem Sexta minus provide & contra tenorem ejusdem Cartæ assederunt, dictas summas a præfatis Mercatoribus per Summonitionem *Scaccarii* prædicti per Vicecomites nostros *Londoniæ* exigere, & ipsos ea occasione distringi facitis, in ipsorum Mercatorum dispendium non modicum & gravamen, & contra tenorem Cartæ prædictæ. Et quia eisdem Mercatoribus injuriari nolumus in hac

parte, Vobis mandamus, quod si per Inquisitionem vel alio modo legitimo vobis constare poterit, præfatos Mercatores Cives Civitatis illius non existere, nec libertatibus & consuetudinibus ejusdem Civitatis gaudere, ut prædictum est, tunc præfatos Vicecomites ab hujusmodi exactionibus & distractionibus eisdem Mercatoribus præmissa occasione inferendis desistere, & ipsos de prædictis pecuniarum summis ab eis sic exactis coram vobis in eodem *Scaccario* exonerari, & prout justum fuerit quietos esse faciatis. Teste meipso apud *Mortelak*, tertio die Novembris anno regni nostri decimo octavo. Et scrutatis rotulis quæ debita exiguntur per Summonitiones hujus *Scaccarii* a prædictis Mercatoribus de Sexta prædicta, compertum est quod exiguntur de *Cante* & Sociis suis Mercatoribus de Societate *Scalorum* de *Florentia* CCL, de Sexta Regi nunc anno xvi^o concessa, ratione bonorum suorum mobilium in *Warda* de *Langebourn* ——. Et super hoc venerunt hic *Bonifacius de Peruch[ius]* pro Societate *Peruch[iorum]*, & *Cante de Scale* pro Societate de *Scales*, & *Manentus Francisci* pro seipso, *Johannes Vaune*, *Grandon de Spyne*, *Pouch Archeritus de Portenare*, *Torrus Oddy*, & *Dolthinus Donati*, & dicunt quod graviter distracti sunt per Vicecomites *Londoniæ* pro debitis prædictis, & minus juste, quia dicunt quod non sunt Cives Civitatis prædictæ &c, nec cum Civibus ejusdem Civitatis contribunt nec contribuere debent &c, nec libertatibus seu consuetudinibus aliquibus dictæ Civitatis gaudent seu utuntur &c, per quod cum Civibus ejusdem Civitatis ad Sextam prædictam contribuere debent &c. Et petunt exonerari de debitis prædictis, juxta tenorem mandati Regis prædicti. Et deliberato super mandato prædicto, concordatum est quod inquiratur pro Rege, si videlicet prædicti Mercatores sint Cives Civitatis prædictæ, & libertatibus & consuetudinibus ejusdem Civitatis gaudeant & utantur, & cum dictis Civibus contribuant, per quod ad dictam Sextam inter alios Cives Civitatis *Londoniæ* taxari debeant necne, antequam ulterius &c. Et præceptum est Vicecomitibus *Londoniæ*, quod venire faciant hic die Sabbati proximo post festum Sancti Martini, de qualibet *Warda* *Wardarum*

CHAP. 18. In the Sixteenth year of the reign of K Edward II, Master John de Pyns a S E C T.

XI. Merchant of Gascoigne was taxed at xxv marks to the Kings Sixth in London IV. amongst the Citifens. John complained to the King in his Chancery. The King issued from thence a remedial Writ, directed to the Treasurer and Barons of his Exchequer. That Writ ordereth the Treasurer and Barons to give him Relief upon his case. A Tryal was had, to ascertain the Truth of the Facts alleged by John. Upon the Tryal it was Found, That John de Pyns did not exercise Trade in London (except as in the Verdict is excepted), that he had not a fixt dwelling in the City, that he was not in Lot and Scot with the Citifens, and did not use the Liberties of the City. Thereupon the Barons adjudged, that he be discharged of the xxv marks demanded of him for the said Sixth (m).

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darum prædictarum, sex de probioribus & fidelioribus Hominibus earundem Wardarum, qui præfatos Mercatores nulla affinitate &c, ad recognoscendum &c; Et idem dies datus est præfatis Mercatoribus &c. Postea continuatur processus iste per continuationem dierum, pro defectu Jur[atorum], usque diem Martis proximo post festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli hoc anno. Ad quem diem prædicti Mercatores venerunt; & Inquisitio venit similiter per Simonem filium Roberti and eleven others; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicti Cante de Scale, & Socii sui Mercatores de Societate Scalorum de Florenzia, Johannes Vaune, Grandon de Spyne Mercatores de Florenzia, Pouch Archeritus de Portenare, Archeritus de Portenare, Manentus Francisci, Torrus Oddy, Dolthinus Donati, Johannes Junctyn & Soc[i] Peruch[i] non sunt Cives Civitatis Londoniæ, nec cum eisdem Civibus in taxationibus tallagiis contributionibus seu aliis oneribus dictam Civitatem contingentibus contribuunt, per quod ad dictam Sextam taxari debeant, nec utuntur aliquibus libertatibus vel consuetudinibus cum Civibus ejusdem Civitatis. Et ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Mercatores exonerentur de debitis prædictis, & quieti inde existant, prætextu brevis Inquisitionis & Scrutini prædictorum. Mich. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 31. a.

(m) Londonia. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dg RADH & Dux Aquitaniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte Magistri Johannis de Pini-bus de Vasconia nobis est ostensum, quod licet ipse in Civitate nostra Londonia, tempore quo Sexta nobis ibidem concessa fuit, domicilium seu mercandisas aliqua præter quædam vina quæ ut Mercator Ducatus illius & in eodem Ducatu per servientes suos emit & ad Civitatem illam ad vendendum duxit, & pro quibus vinis custumam nobis debitam ut mercator alienigena juxta tenorem cartæ hujusmodi mercatoribus nuper factæ solvit, & warrantum suum prout moris est recepit & [this & is superfluous] non habuerit, nec idem Johannes in lotto vel in scotto cum Civibus Civitatis illius tunc fuerit seu adhuc existat, nec libertatibus seu liberis consuetudinibus Civibus

illis per cartas progenitorum nostrorum concessis aliquo tempore usus fuerit vel adhuc existat. Vos nichilominus, pro eo quod Taxatores & Collectores Sextæ prædictæ in eadem Civitate ipsum Johannem ratione mercandisarum suarum quas ibidem habuisse debuit ad viginti & quinque marcas minus provide assiderunt, easdem viginti & quinque marcas a præfato Johanne per Summonitionem Scaccarii prædicti exigere, & ipsum per Vicecomites nostros Civitatis illius ea occasione distringi facitis minus juste, in ipsius Johannis dispendium non modicum & gravamen. Et quia in carta prædicta continetur, quod postquam præfati mercatores had paid in any one place the Custome due to the King for their merchandises, they should be quitt thereof in all other places in England. Vobis mandamus, quod si per inquisitionem vel alio modo legitimo vobis constare poterit ipsum Johannem tempore concessionis illius aliquod domicilium seu aliquas mercandisas in eadem Civitate præter vina prædicta non habuisse, nec ipsum in lotto vel in scotto cum Civibus illis tunc non fuisse, nec libertatibus seu consuetudinibus prædictis cum eisdem Civibus usum fuisse, & per inspectionem Waranti prædicti vel alio modo legitimo vobis similiter constare poterit custumam nobis de eisdem vinis solutam extitisse ut prædictum est, tunc ipsum Johannem de eisdem viginti & quinque marcis ab eo sic exactis nisi ad solutionem earundem nobis faciendam ex alia causa teneatur, coram vobis in Scaccario prædicto exonerari & prout justum fuerit quietum esse faciatis. Teste me ipso apud Cyppenham xx die Octobris anno r n decimo nono.

Et modo venit hic prædictus Magister Johannes, & petit exonerari de xxv marcis prædictis. Searches were made in the Rolls of the Exchequer. The Taxours and Subtaxours of the said Sixth in London were summoned to appear ad informandum Curiam. Ad quem diem tam prædictus Magister Johannes quam principales Taxatores & Subtaxatores prædicti venerunt hic, & ipsi Taxatores examinati super præmissis, dicunt quod prædictus Magister Johannes, tempore quo ipsi dictam Sextam taxarunt in Civitate prædicta, habuit viginti dolia vini pretii C marcarum, tres equos pretii xl marcarum, & vasa & coeliaria argentea, mazeros & ciphos pretii x marcarum in eadem Civitate. Summa prædictorum bonorum Cl &

CHAP. 19. In the Third year of K *Edward III*, *Gailard Cobel* and others Merchants of S E C T. XI. the Duchy of *Aquitaine* were charged in the City of *London* by the Taxors and IV. Collectors in the City, to the *Sixth* then payable to the King, like as if they had

been Citizens of *London* and not Merchants-strangers of the said Duchy. And the moneys so taxed were demanded of them by the Summone of the Exchequer, contrary to Right (as the Merchants alleged), and to the Charter granted by K *Edward I* to Foreign-Merchants who came into *England* and abode There. K *Edward III* by a Writ of his Great-Seal commanded the Barons of the Exchequer to grant legal relief to the said Merchants of *Aquitaine* upon their case. Upon That mandate the Barons ordered the Sherifs of *London* to summon the Subtaxours of the said *Sixth* for the Ward in *London* wherein the said Merchants were taxed, to inform the Court by What means they came to tax the goods of the said Merchants to the said *Sixth*, and whether the said Merchants were Foreign-Merchants. The Subtaxours came. Being sworn and examined, they said, that they by command of the Principal Collectors of the said *Sixth*, did assess the said *Gaillard* and others in the said Ward to the said *Sixth*, and that the said *Gaillard* and others then were and still are Foreign Merchants of the Duchy of *Aquitaine*, and not Citizens of the said City, nor any way contributing with the said Citizens. Thereupon the Court adjudged, that the said *Gailard* and others be discharged of the summs charged on them towards the said *Sixth*. Afterwards the Barons, upon reconsideration, ordered that a further Inquisition should be taken concerning the premisses. An Inquisition was taken at *St Martin le Grand*, on the Sunday next after the feast of *St Margaret* before *H le Scrop* one of the Barons. The Enquest Found, that the said *Gailard* and others were not Citizens of *London* at the time of granting the said *Sixth*, nor any way contributing with the said Citizens, and had not any certain Dwelling or any goods beside merchandises at That time in the said City. Wherefore the Court resolved to proceed to Discharge them according to the said Judgment (n).

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& ipsi ratione eorundem ipsum Magistrum Johannem juxta debitum sacramenti sui taxarunt ad xxv marcas ad Sextam prædictam. Et super hiis quia in compoto Willelmi de Flete & Jacobi Beauflour Collectorum custumæ vinorum in Portu Londoniæ de anno xvi Regis nunc est compertum quod iidem Collectores onerant se de Lxxvii s receptis de Johanne de Pyns de custuma xxxviii doliorum & i pipæ vini adductorum in portum prædictum in Navi Johannis atte Felde quinto die Decembris dicto anno xvi, quæ vina dictus Magister Johannes dicit fuisse sua, videtur expediens esse certiorari, si dicta xx dolia ratione quorum dictus Magister Johannes taxatus fuit ad dictam Sextam fuerunt de prædictis xxxviii doliis vini, & idem Magister Johannes de eisdem xx doliis custumam ut mercator solvit necne, & similiter si dictus Magister Johannes domicilium in Civitate Londonia dicto anno xviº habuit, in lotto vel in scotto cum Civibus Civitatis illius tunc fuit, seu libertatibus & consuetudinibus dictæ Civitatis usus fuit necne, præceptum est Vicecomitibus quod venire faciant hic in crastino Sancti Nicholai xviii probos & legales homines tam de mercatoribus Vasconia quam de aliis de Warda prædicta, per quos &c, qui nec &c ad certificandum inde &c. Et idem dies datus est præfato Magistro Johanni. Ad quem diem prædictus Magister Johannes venit. Et inquisitio venit similiter per Ricardum de Rothyng & alios. Qui jurati dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicta

xxxviii dolia & una pipa vini custumata sub nomine Johannis de Pyns fuerunt vina prædicti Magistri Johannis de Pynibus, & prædicta xx dolia vini fuerunt de prædictis xxxviii doliis & una pipa vini, & similiter quod dictus Magister Johannes custumam de eisdem vinis solvit tanquam mercator extraneus de Ducatu prædicto. Et dicunt quod idem Magister Johannes non habuit alias mercandisas in eadem Civitate præter vina prædicta, quia dicunt quod dicti equi fuerunt equitatura prædicti Johannis, & non venales; & quod idem Magister Johannes non habuit domicilium dicto anno xviº in Civitate prædicta, nec fuit in lotto vel in scotto cum prædictis Civibus, nec eciam libertatibus Civitatis prædictæ usus fuit. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus Magister Johannes exoneretur de prædictis xxv marcis ab eo exactis de Sexta prædicta & inde quietus existat. *Hil. Communia 19 Edw. 2. Rot. 36. a.*

(n) London[ia]. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ &c, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Ex parte Gailardi Cobel, Johannis Dosynoun, Petri Massan, Johannis de Gout, Petri Beran, & Bernardi de la Tour, Mercatorum vinetariorum de Ducatu prædicto in Civitate nostra Londoniæ conversantium, nobis est ostensum, quod licet ipsi sint Mercatores extranei & alienigenæ, & cum Mercatoribus

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CHAP. 20. In the Twentyfirst year of K *Edward* III, the Kings Council Decreed, S E C T.
 XI. That no Townsman of *Ravenfred* should have the benefit of Fishing or Trading IV.
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ribus extraneis & alienigenis in præstationibus customarum in regno nostro debitarum onerentur, & cum Civibus ejusdem Civitatis in aliquibus concessionibus per ipsos Cives factis non debeant onerari, & per Cartam celebris memoriæ Domini E quondam Regis Angliæ avi nostri omnibus Mercatoribus dicti Ducatus, sicut & cæteris Mercatoribus extraneis & alienigenis, venientibus in regnum nostrum Angliæ & ibidem conversantibus, pro quibusdam præstationibus & customis quas ipsi de bonis & mercimoniis suis in eodem regno, ultra antiquas customas prius inde debitas,olvere tenentur, diversæ libertates & immunitates in eodem regno optinendæ concessæ sint, & inter cæteras eis concedatur, quod nulla exactio prisæ vel præstacio aut aliud onus super personas Mercatorum prædictorum, mercandisas seu bona eorundem, aliquatenus imponatur, contra formam in carta prædicta expressam & concessam, prout in eadem Carta plenius continetur. Vos tamen, pro eo quod Taxatores & Collectores Sextæ Domino E nuper Regi Angliæ Patri nostro in Civitate prædicta concessæ, ipsos Mercatores pro bonis suis ad Sextam prædictam, videlicet ipsum Gaillardum ad quatuor libras, ipsum Johannem Dosynoun ad viginti solidos, ipsum Petrum Massan ad xls, ipsum Johannem de Gout ad xls, ipsos Petrum Beran & Bernardum ad x/, ac si essent Cives Civitatis prædictæ, & non mercatores extranei & alienigenæ de dicto Ducatu, taxarunt & assederunt, & nomina ipsorum Gaillardi Johannis Petri Johannis Petri & Bernardi vobis ad dictum Scaccarium liberarunt, dictas pecuniarum summas ab eisdem Gaillardo Johanne Petro Johanne Petro & Bernardo per Summonitionem Scaccarii nostri exigere facitis ad opus nostrum, in ipsorum Gaillardi Johannis Petri Johannis Petri & Bernardi grave dampnum & præjudicium manifestum, ac contra tenorem cartæ supradictæ. Et quia præfatis Mercatoribus injuriari nolumus in hac parte, Vobis mandamus, quod si vobis legitime constare poterit, ipsos Gaillardum Johannem Petrum Johannem & Petrum Mercatores extraneos & alienigenas esse de Ducatu prædicto, & non Cives Civitatis prædictæ, & per aliam causam rationabilem de eadem Sexta onerari non debere, tunc eosdem Mercatores de prædictis pecuniarum summis ab ipsis per Summonitionem dicti Scaccarii sic exactis ad dictum Scaccarium exonerari & quietos esse faciatis, Distinctionem eisdem Mercatoribus in hac parte factam eisdem relaxantes indilate. Teste meipso apud Cantuar[iam] xvii^o die Junii anno regni nostri tertio. Prætextu cujus brevis, quia Barones certiorari volunt de modo & causa taxationis dictos Mercatores contingentis, Præceptum est Vicecomitibus London[iæ], quod venire faciant coram Baronibus hic hoc Termino, videlicet die Mercurii proximo post festum Translationis Sancti Thomæ Martiris, Rober-

tum de Lenne, Rogerum de Lenne, Nicholaum de Bristoll[ia], & Johannem de Cressyng-ham, subtaxatores Sextæ prædictæ in Warda Vinetriæ, in qua Warda dicti Mercatores taxati fuerunt, ad informandum Curiam, qua occasione dictos Gaillardum Johannem Dosynoun Petrum Johannem Petrum & Bernardum ad Sextam prædictam assederunt, & bona eorum taxarunt, & si iidem Mercatores sint Mercatores extranei necne. Et ipsi Subtaxatores venerunt. Qui jurati & super præmissis allocuti & examinati, dicunt quod ipsi de mandato Principalium Collectorum dictæ Sextæ prædictos Gaillardum Johannem & alios prænominatos, & etiam omnes alios hujusmodi Mercatores in dicta Warda commorantes, ad eandem Sextam assederunt, & quod iidem Gaillardus Johannes Petrus Johannes Petrus & Bernardus tunc fuerunt & adhuc sunt Mercatores extranei de Ducatu Aquitanie, & non Cives Civitatis prædictæ, nec cum eisdem Civibus in aliquo contribuentes. Ideo consideratum est quod prædicti Gaillardus Cobel Johannes Dosynoun Petrus Massan Johannes de Gout Petrus Beran & Bernardus de la Tour, de prædictis summis ab eis exactis de Sexta prædicta exonerentur. Postea prædictis Mercatoribus insistentibus Curie hic pro exoneratione sua &c, habitaque super hoc deliberatione &c, visum est Baronibus non debere procedere ad exonerationem, quousque plenius inquiratur. Ideo concordatum est quod fiat inde Inquisitio. Et postmodum Termino Paschæ anno sexto, eo quod nullus Baronum venit interim apud Sanctum Martinum pro Inquisitione illa capienda, Præceptum est Vicecomitibus, quod venire faciant hic in Crastino Sancti Johannis Baptistæ eodem anno sexto, nisi aliquis Baronum &c interim apud Sanctum Martinum &c, xii &c de Warda prædicta, ad certificandum &c. Ad quem diem Inquisitio remanet capienda, eo quod nullus Baronum interim venit apud Sanctum Martinum &c. Et dicti Mercatores venerunt, & habent diem ut prius in Crastino Sanctæ Margaretæ. Et præceptum est Vicecomitibus quod venire faciant xii &c. Et interim die Dominica proxima ante idem festum Sanctæ Margaretæ jurata venit apud Sanctum Martinum, coram H le Scrop Barone &c, per Johannem de Pyncebek & alios ut patet in panello &c; Qui jurati, in præsentia Mercatorum prædictorum, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicti Gaillardus Johannes Dosynoun Petrus Johannes de Gout Petrus Beran & Bernardus, non fuerunt Cives Civitatis prædictæ tempore concessionis Sextæ prædictæ, nec cum eisdem Civibus in aliquo contribuentes, nec aliquod certum domicilium, seu aliqua bona alia quam mercimonia sua tunc in eadem Civitate habuerunt. Ideo procedatur ad exonerationem &c, juxta considerationem prædictam. *Placita coram Baronibus 3 Edw. 3. Rot. 25. b.*

C H A P. in the Town, under pain of forfeiting his merchandises, unless he continued to abide in the Town, and contributed, according to his ability and as reason required, to the Aids Tallages and other Charges which fell upon the Town (o). S E C T. V.

V. Let us enquire, Who they were that were lyable to bear the Common Burdens or Charges of the Community, and in what manner the same were to be raised. The Kings of *England* having in several ages granted divers Liberties to their Towns, it became in some cases doubtful What persons were entituled to those Liberties. For Men that lived together in a Town were not All of a sort: There were Townsmen and Suburbians, Townsmen and Coinhabitants; in fine, some that were of the Gild or Gilds of That Town, and some that were not. Many were willing to have the benefit of the Common Liberties, but were unwilling to have a share in the Common Burdens or payments. The Common Liberties were such as these: To be a Free Burgh; To have a Free Trade; To hold their Town at Ferme, that is, to receive all the issues of their Town to their own use, and to pay the King a yearly Rent for the same; To answer to the King for his Dues *per manum suam*, by their own Mayor Bailif or other Compeer, without being subject to the Distress and Coertion of the Sherif of the County, or other Rough and Powerful Officer sett over their Town (p); To have a Mayor Bailif and other officers, to be chosen out of their own Body; To have a Common Seal, a Town-hall, a Mace, Fine Gowns, and other Gayeties; To have Return of Summonces and other Writs, Capacity to purchase Lands to the Common use of their Town, and Capacity for particular Burgeses to bequeath or devise Burgage-houses or lands by their Last Will; and many more Liberties (q). The

(o) De forisfactura bonorum &c. Rex dilectis sibi Custodi ac ballivis villæ de Ravenesford qui nunc sunt vel qui pro tempore erunt salutem. Sciatis quod cum per quandam inquisitionem nuper apud Ravenesford, per certos fideles nostros ad hoc assignatos, de mandato nostro captam, & in Cancellariam nostram retornatam compertum existat, quod diversi Burgenses ejusdem villæ domicilia propria & redditus diversos ibidem habentes, qui in eisdem morari, & ratione eorundem ac mobilium suorum singulis tallagiis & aliis oneribus villam illam tangentibus, inter cæteros de eadem villa contribuere solebant, se abinde ad alia loca & villas diversa retraxerunt & diverterunt ibidem commorando, propter quod & ex aliis causis in dicta inquisitione contentis, nunc inhabitantes Villam illam in tantum indies debilitantur, quod ad tallagia & alia onera ibidem emergentia more solito solvenda & supportanda non sufficiunt, nec sufficere poterunt ullo modo, ac intellexerimus quod quamplures de dictis recessis qui divites sunt & locupletati, lucra propria clandestine quærentes, quolibet anno semel ad Villam prædictam tempore piscationis ibidem, videlicet in vigilia Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, & in festo ejusdem Virginis, & per triginta dies proximo sequentes redeuntes, omnimodas & singulas mercaturas ibidem venientes sibi ipsis, tam per potentiam quam aliis modis, attrahunt, & emolumenta & lucra inde provenientia ad usus suos prout justum esset recipere vel habere non permittentes, set quod pejus est lapso tempore illo & captis lucris suis ad dicta loca extranea revertuntur, tallagiis & oneribus ibidem ut præmittitur contingentibus de dictis lucris suis contribuere omnino recu-

santes & contradicentes, sicque dictos inhabitantes, sæpissime ultra posse oneratos, sua propria ibidem relinquere infra breve & alibi mendicare oportebit, nisi remedium inde celerius adhibeatur. Et quia præmissis coram Consilio nostro detectis & ostensis, per idem Consilium nostrum ordinatum est & concordatum, quod nullus de dictis recessis tempore piscationis hujusmodi ad Villam illam rediens, ratione domiciliorum vel reddituum suorum ibidem, admittatur tempore illo ad mercandisandum inter dictos inhabitantes contra voluntatem suam, nec de mercaturis hujusmodi ibidem exercendis in aliquo se intromittere, sub pœna amissionis mercaturarum earundem ad opus nostrum & Communitatis dictæ Villæ æqualiter dividendarum, nisi ipse ibidem morari, & auxiliis & tallagiis & aliis oneribus Villam illam tangentibus cum emerferint contribuere voluerit, juxta facultates suas & prout rationabiliter fuerit faciendum, Vobis districtius quo poterimus injungimus & mandamus, quod Concordiam & ordinationem prædictas in Villa prædicta ex nunc, quantum ad vos attinet, firmiter & inviolabiliter in omnibus teneri & custodiri faciatis, juxta vim & effectum earundem. Et hoc sub incumbenti periculo nullatenus omittatis; taliter vos habentes in præmissis, ne in vestri defectu querela ad nos inde perveniat, per quod ad vos materiam habeamus graviter capiendi. T Custode prædicto apud Redyng primo die Maii. Originale 21 Edw. 3. Rot. 43.

(p) Suppose, a Custos, Provost, or Farmer, putt-in by the King.

(q) The Liberties or Franchises granted to Towns are of too great multiplicity to be here enumerated.

CHAP. The *Communia onera* or Common burthens were those things which were charge- S E C T.
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instance, The yearly Ferme of the Town, Aids or Tallages assessed *in communi*, Common Fines, Common Amerciaments, and such like. Every person willing to enjoy the Franchise of the Town was to contribute according to his ability to these Publick Burdens or Charges incident to the Community. Indeed the Ferme of a Town generally arose out of certain demised premisses yielding profit, as I have shewn above (r). But other *Communia onera* were borne *in communi*, and were usually raised by an apportionment made amongst the Townsmen according to each mans ability or substance. For example.

1. In the Fourteenth year of K Henry II, the Men of *Horncastle* in *Lincolnshire* were to pay Aid to the King. They assessed it amongst themselves (s).

2. In the Twentyninth year of K Henry II, the Town of *Colchester* in *Essex* was amerced for an Escape. The amercement was sett partly upon Particular persons, and partly upon certain others in Common, to be apportioned amongst them (t).

3. In the Fourteenth year of K Henry III, the Town of *Colchester* owed the King xi*l* for Tallage &c. The Barons of the Exchequer gave them a Day, to commune with their neighbours, that is, to raise the money amongst themselves; Otherwise the Sherif of *Essex* was to distrain them for it (u).

4. According to Custome the *Jews* of *Stamford* in *Lincolnshire* were bound to pay to the Burgeses of *Stamford* (as the Burgeses alleged) a certain Quota or Lot, towards the yearly Ferme which the Burgeses were to render to the King. The *Jews* omitted to pay it. In the one and thirtieth year of K Henry III, the Burgeses had Aid of the King by a Writ of the Exchequer, to enforce the *Jews* to pay them the arreres thereof (w).

5. These Common Duties or Prestations were also paid by Collect or Contribution made amongst the Townsmen, whether the Town was incorporated or not: As in the Instances following, to wit, in the Town of *Warwick* (x); in the case of *John Fish* Burges of *Shaftesbury* (y), and of *Robert Burre* Citizen of *Canterbury* (z); in the case of the Townsmen of *Oxford* (a); of certain Citizens of *London* (b); and of the Town of *Dunwich* (c).

6. In

(r) *Cap. 11. sect. 3.*

(s) Nova Placita & Novæ Conventiones de Auxilio Matildæ filiæ Regis. Homines de Hornecastra r c de xxix*l* & xiii*s* & iii*d*, de auxilio ejusdem Villæ quod ipsi assederunt inter se concessu Justiciarum aliter quam Justiciæ. *Mag. Rot. 14 Hen. 2. Rot. 5. a. Linc.*

(t) *Hist. Exch. p 387. col. 1. x.*

(u) Villata de Colecestr[ia] debet xi libras de ultimo tallagio. Habent diem ad diem Ascensionis ad loquendum cum Vicinis de fine faciendo pro omnibus debitis; & nisi afferant warantum Vic[ecomiti] infra xv dies, Vic[ecomites] distringat. *Hist. Exch. p 511. col. 1. n.*

(w) *Antehac cap. 10. sect. 4.*

(x) *Hic ante, cap. 10. sect. 8.*

(y) *Hist. Exch. p 510, col. 2. k. sub anno 49 Hen. 3.*

(z) *Hist. Exch. p 511. col. 1. l. anno circiter 51 Hen. 3.*

(a) *Ante, cap 5. sect. 23.*

(b) Hugo de Waltham Clericus allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de hoc quod indi-

status est de conspiratione facta cum Roberto de Kelsey Wilhelmo de Leise Johanne de la Chaumbre & aliis, certis die & anno apud Aulam Plumbatam temporibus elapsis, & de hoc [quod] ipsi & alii prænominati habuerunt in singulis wardis Civitatis Londoniæ duos homines de eorum covina & societate, ita quod per ipsos quælibet taxatio & tallagium assessum in Londonia esset per eorum ordinationem factum; & quemcunque vellent exaltare seu gravare, sic per ipsos talliatos esset; retinendo penes se de qualibet collecta facta in Londonia tercium denarium; & hoc de omnibus tallagiis factis tempore istius Regis nunc; Ad commune dampnum Domini Regis & totius populi Civitatis. Ponit se &c. Et Juratores Wardarum de Cornhull Walebrok Bissopisgat & Langeburn dicunt quod in nullo est Culpabilis. Ideo de præmissis quietus est &c. *Ex codice membraneo MS, I 2, in Biblioth. Collegii Corporis Christi Cantabrigiæ; in Memorandis de Itinere Hervici de Stanton & sociorum ejus Justic. itinerantium apud Turrim Londoniæ anno 14 Regis Edw. II.*

(c) — la dite Ville de Donewyz est taunt anientee & empoverie, qele ne vaut pas la moiete de la ferme qils rendent au Roi, sanz griefs taillages mettre de an en an —, *Supra, cap. 6. sect. 5. anno primo Edw. 3.*

CHAP. 6. In the Eightandtwentieth year of K *Edward* III, the entire sum of SECT.

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right every man of the Town was to be taxed towards That sum according to the quantity of his goods There, without favour or partiality. An action was brought in the Exchequer against the Collectors of the *Fifteenth*, for undertaxing some persons and overtaxing others (*d*).

7. In the reign of K *Edward* III, the Sum of xvl and odd was assessed upon the Town of *Guldeford*, for a *Tenth* granted to the King. It was of Right to be paid by the Townsmen of *Guldeford* proportionably (*e*).

8. And

(*d*) Norhamt[onia]. Johannes de Lyouns Miles, Nicholaus de Burneby Miles, Willelmus Broun de Glapthorp & Johannes de Tame, Collectores secundi anni Decimæ & Quintædecimæ trienn[alium] Regi anno xxv^o in Comitatu Norhamt[onia] conc[essarum], attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Regi, & Willelmo de Pateshull ac aliis hominibus del Netherheyford, quare cum Villa de Heyford anno viii^o Regis nunc, ad quam Villam pertinent Netherheyford & Overheyford, taxata fuit & assessa ad Lxxiiis ad Quintamdecimam tunc currentem, & ad consimilem summam in singulis concessionibus hujusmodi Quintædecimæ hucusque; & licet dicta summa inter homines dictæ Villæ de Heyford, scilicet tam inter homines del Netherheyford quam homines del Overheyford, quæ faciunt dictam Villam de Heyford & non diversas Villas, affideri debent, & quilibet homo ibidem sit taxandus & assidendus ad summam prædictam, juxta quantitatem bonorum & catallorum suorum ibidem, absque favore alicui in hac parte faciendo; & prædicti homines del Netherheyford portiones ipsos, videlicet xxxviis de summa prædicta, juste contingentes, juxta quantitatem bonorum suorum, solvere sint parati præfatis Collectoribus, si ipsi assessi fuerunt sicut prædicti homines del Overheyford assidentur; prædicti tamen Collectores præfatos homines del Netherheyford ad majorem summam, videlicet ad xlviiiis, quam ipsos rite contingebat juxta quantitatem bonorum suorum, assederunt, in favorem dictorum hominum del Overheyford, & præfatos homines del Netherheyford pro dicta summa excessiva solvenda, die Lunæ proximo ante festum omnium Sanctorum anno xxvii^o Regis nunc, apud Netherheyford per averia sua, videlicet boves & vaccas, distrinxerunt, & dictam summam excessivam de præfatis hominibus del Netherheyford levaverunt per hujusmodi graves distractiones, assidendo præfatos homines del Overheyford ad minores summas quam ipsos rite contingebat solvere, & sic parcendo eisdem hominibus del Overheyford in assessmente & collectione prædictis; in contemptum Regis, ac dampnum prædictorum hominum del Netherheyford xli; & inde producant sectam &c.

Et prædicti Johannes de Lyouns Nicholaus de Burneby Willelmus Broun & Johannes de Tame venerunt per Johannem Londy Attornatum suum; & defendunt dampnum & quicquid &c. Et dicunt quod de transgressionem

prædicta in nullo sunt culpabiles. Et de hoc ponunt se super patriam. Et prædictus Willelmus de Pateshull, qui pro se & aliis hominibus del Netherheyford sequitur, similiter. Ideo fiat inde Jurata. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire faciat hic a die Paschæ in xv dies xii &c, de visneto de Netherheyford & Overheyford, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, qui nec &c, ad recogn[oscendum] &c. Et idem dies datus est partibus prædictis. *Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 72. a.*

(*e*) Surreia. Johannes Hereman Johannes Maurok & Adam le Spicer, Subcollectores tercii anni x^o & xv^o trienn[alis] Regi ultimo a laicis in Villa de Guldeford in Comitatu Surreia conc[essarum], attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Regi, & Johannæ quæ fuit uxor Johannis Nicole de Guldeford, de placito transgressionis & contemptus.

Et unde prædicta Johanna per Johannem de Holt Attornatum suum venit, & dicit pro Rege & seipsa, quod cum dicta Villa de Guldeford ad xvl iis xd ob. ad dictam Decimam assessa existit, & summa illa inter homines ejusdem Villæ proportionaliter assideri debet, juxta quantitatem bonorum suorum, absque favore alicui in hac parte faciendo, & licet prædicta Johanna portionem ipsam rite contingentem, quæ se attingit ad xxs, ut ipsa assideretur sicut alii homines ejusdem Villæ assidentur, præfatis Subcollectoribus xxx^o die Aprilis hoc anno xxviii^o solvit, prædicti Subcollectores dictam Johannam ad xli ultra prædictos xxs assederunt, in favorem aliorum hominum ejusdem Villæ, & præfatam Johannam pro dictis xli sic super ipsam minus rite assessis distrinxerunt, apud Guldeford, primo die Maii prædicto anno xxviii^o, per bona & catalla sua ibidem, videlicet frumentum & bras[ium] ad valentiam xli, & alios homines ejusdem Villæ ad minores summas quam ipsos rite contingebat ea occasione assiderunt, dictis hominibus in hac parte parcendo, in contemptum Regis, & ad dampnum prædictæ Johannæ xli. Et inde producit sectam &c.

Et prædicti Johannes Hereman Johannes Maurok & Adam le Spicer venerunt per Johannem de Eyerdon eorum Attornatum. Et defendunt dampnum & quicquid &c. Et dicunt quod prædicta Johanna assessa fuit proportionaliter ad Decimam prædictam, sicut alii homines ejusdem Villæ assessi fuerunt, & quod portio ipsam rite contingens juxta assessionem

CHAP. 8. And in the case of the Rector and Parishioners of St Illogan, the Fifteenth S E C T.

XI. payable to the King was to be assessed upon the said Parishioners proportionably (f). V.

9. In the reign of K Richard II, Roger Rose, Edmund Fitz-luke and eighteen others, Burgeses of the Town of Bury St Edmund in Suffolk, did for themselves and their neighbours make Fine with the King in M M marks, for certain grievous misdemeaners which they had committed against the King. The King by his Patent-Letter commanded the said Roger Rose and the other Nineteen persons, to assess the same reasonably as well upon themselves as upon all and singular other Inhabitants of the said Town (g).

10. So

fessionem illam se attingebat ad iiii marcas; absque eo quod ipsi præfatam Johannam ad maiorem summam quam ad dictas quatuor marcas, vel aliquos homines ejusdem Villæ in assensione prædicta favorarunt, seu dictos homines ad minores summas ea occasione assederunt, vel dictis hominibus aliquam in hac parte pepercerunt, prout eis imponitur. Et hoc prætendunt verificare &c.

Et prædicta Johanna ad hoc dicit, quod porcio ipsam juste contingens se attingebat ad xx s, & quod dicti Subcollectores dictam Johannam assederunt minus rite ad xl s ultra dictos xx s, favorando alios homines ejusdem Villæ in hac parte, & ipsos homines ad minores summas ea occasione assidendo, prout superius versus eos narravit. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et prædicti Subcollectores similiter. Ideo fiat inde Jurata. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti quod venire faciat hic in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis xii &c, de visneto propinquior[i] Vill[æ] de Guldeford, quorum quilibet &c, per quos &c, qui nec &c, ad recognoscendum &c. Et idem dies datus est partibus prædictis. *Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 94. b.*

(f) Cornubia. Radulphus Beaupel attachatus fuit ad respondendum Regi, & Willemo de Peykirke Rectori Ecclesiæ Sancti Illogani, ac aliis hominibus parochiæ Ecclesiæ prædictæ, de placito transgressionis & contemptus &c.

Et unde prædictus Wilhelmus de Peykirke, qui pro Rege seipso & aliis hominibus prædictis sequitur, dicit quod cum parochia Sancti Illogani ad iiii l iiii s vid ad xv^{am} Regi anno vi^{to} conc[essam] assessa fuit & taxata, ad quam summam homines parochiæ prædictæ particulariter assidebantur, inter quos homines Walterus Bluet ad iiii s pro portione ipsum de xv^a prædicta contingente—. *the action is brought for not paying his quota to the Kings Quinzime, whereby the same was charged on the other parishioners, and payed by Them. Issue is joyned. Placita coram Baronibus 28 Edw. 3. Rot. 101. a.*

(g) Suffolcia. De Literis Regis patentibus irrotulatis de revocatione quarundam aliarum Literarum Regis patentium, diversis Homini-bus Villæ de Bury factarum, de levatione cujusdam finis M M marcarum cum Domino Rege per Burgeses Villæ prædictæ facti.

Memorandum quod Walterus Coleman Commonacus Abbatiae Sancti Edmundi de Bury venit coram Baronibus hujus Scaccarii hic, vii^o die Decembris hoc Termino, in propria persona sua; Et exhibuit Curiae Literas Reges patentes; Et petiit eas irrotulari; Et quas Barones præceperunt irrotulari in hæc verba. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Omnibus ad quos præsentis Literæ pervenerint salutem. Cum nuper per breve nostrum patens mandaverimus Rogero Rose de Bury, Edmundo Fitz Lucas de Bury, and eighteen others, Burgesibus Villæ de Bury, quod tam seipso quam omnes & singulos alios inhabitantes Villam prædictam ad finem duarum millium marcarum nobiscum per prædictos viginti Burgeses, pro se & vicinis suis Villæ prædictæ, pro quibusdam enormibus delictis per ipsos contra nos & Coronam nostram factis & perpetratis nuper factum assideri, & eandem summam levare, & nobis certis terminis in mandato nostro prædicto contentis solvi facerent; Ac postmodum ad prosecutionem quorundam Hominum Villæ prædictæ nobis suggerentium, finem prædictum injuste fuisse assessum, per Literas nostras patentes assignaverimus Robertum de Kedyngton & Johannem Overton Ballivos Villæ prædictæ, Robertum de Bekerton Servientem nostrum ad Arma, Thomam Ikworth & Wilhelmum Hore de Bury, quatuor tres & duos eorum, ad omnes & singulos tam dictos viginti Burgeses, quam alios quoscunque inhabitantes Villam prædictam, ad dictam summam duarum Millium marcarum rationabiliter & celeriter taxandum & assidendum, levandum & colligendum & nobis inde respondendum, & ad quædam alia in dictis Literis nostris contenta facienda & exequenda, prout in mandato & Literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur. Quibusdam tamen certis de causis coram nobis in præsentem Parlamento nostro propositis, & præsertim pro eo quod mandatum & Literæ nostra prædicta in præjudicium & derogationem libertatum dilectis nobis in Christo Abbati & Conventui de Sancto Edmundo de Bury, per Cartas Progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Angliæ & Confirmationem nostram concessarum, censentur manifeste redundare, Mandatum & Literas prædicta tenore præsentium duximus revocand[a]. Et hoc omnibus quorum interest innotescimus per præsentem. Proviso semper, quod de summis

C H A P. 10. So it was likewise in the case of the Men of the Cinque Ports, and of all S E C T. XI. that claimed to be of That Liberty (b); and in several other instances. V.

II. This method of raising Common Payments or Dues by Common Contribution, was also used as in Towns, so in other Communities. It was used in the Ancient *Gild* of *Teliers* or *Weavers* of *London*. For example. In the Twenty-fifth year of K *Edward III*, *Nicolas de Worstede* a Weaver of the *Gild* of the *Teliers* or *Telarii Londoniæ* came into the Court of Exchequer, and on behalf of the King and of the Men of the said *Gild*, complained against *Giles Spolmakere*, and Five others, for working in the craft or mestiere of Weavery within the City of *London*.

summis per ipsos in hac parte levatis & perceptis nobis computent & satisfaciant, ut est justum. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmon[asterium] secundo die Decembris anno regni nostri nono. Per petitionem in Parlamento. Mich. Communia 9 Ric. 2. Rot. 17. in dorso.

It is true the King did afterwards revoke his said Patent-Letter. But the reason of That revocation was, because the Patent was prejudicial to the Liberties of the Abbot of St Edmond who was Lord of the said Town. For the Ancient Kings of England had granted to the Abbots of St Edmond (amongst many other franchises), that no Justicier Commissioner or other Officer of the King should intromitt with the Abbots Demean-burgesses of Bury St Edmond, or Do any act of authority within his said Burgh, but the Abbots Officers onely. So that K Richard II could not rightfully send his Sergeant at Arms or other Officer of His to Tax or assess the Abbots Burgesses, without infringing the Abbots Liberties; Which Liberties the said King desired to preserve entire.

(b) Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Collectoribus decimæ & quintadecimæ nobis per Communitatem regni nostri Angliæ ultimo concessarum in Comitatu Kanciæ salutem. Cum Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ Progenitor noster filius Regis Henrici, considerans quod navigium Quinque Portuum non absque magnis sumptibus & expensis posset sustentari, ne navigium illud deficeret vel periret, per Literas suas patentes quas confirmavimus, concessisset pro se & hæredibus suis, quod omnes illi de Quinque Portibus prædictis & alii quicumque advocantes se de libertate eorundem & inde gaudere volentes, contribuerent videlicet quilibet eorum juxta facultates suas, ad faciendum servitium ipsius Progenitoris nostri & hæredum suorum, de navibus suis cum ab ipso vel hæredibus suis hoc haberent in mandatis; Ac Dominus E nuper Rex Angliæ avus noster postmodum, pro eo quod super verbis generalibus in prædictis Literis contentis, videlicet quod quilibet contribuat juxta facultates suas, dissensiones variæ antea fuerunt subortæ, & ut Barones Portuum prædictorum servitium prædictum sibi & hæredibus suis commodius facere valerent temporibus oportunis, de Consilio Prælatorum Comitum & Baronum suorum, ac Communitatis regni sui Angliæ, in Parlamento suo anno

regni sui primo tento, concesserit per Literas suas patentes, quas similiter confirmavimus, pro se & hæredibus suis, eisdem Baronibus Quinque Portuum, quod omnes illi de Portibus illis, & alii quicumque advocantes se de libertate eorundem, & inde gaudere volentes, contribuerent ad navigium & servitia prædicta manutenenda & facienda, de omnibus bonis & catallis suis tam extra libertatem Quinque Portuum prædictorum quam infra existentibus, & quod ad hoc per Majores & Juratos Portuum prædictorum, & etiam per Constabularium Castri sui Dovorr[iæ] si necesse foret debite compellerentur, & quod bona & catalla dictorum Baronum & aliorum, sive extra libertatem prædictam forent sive infra, quæ pro navigiis & servitiis prædictis manutenendis & faciendis taxantur ad tallagia sive alia onera quæcumque, cum bonis & catallis Hominum forinsecorum nullatenus taxarentur. Subsequenterque, in Parlamento ipsius avi nostri anno regni sui quintodecimo tento, visum fuisset eidem avo nostro & Consilio suo, ac ibidem per ipsum avum nostrum Prælatos Comites Barones & Communitates dicti regni sui Angliæ ibidem existentes discussum & concordatum, quod prædicti Barones & alii de libertate sua, de quibuscumque tallagiis & aliis oneribus per Communitatem regni sui Angliæ de bonis & catallis suis ibidem concessis, de bonis & catallis eorundem Baronum & aliorum de libertate sua, infra libertatem prædictam & extra existentibus, pro quibus iidem Barones & alii de libertate sua pro servitiis & navigio prædictis manutenendis & faciendis contribuere tenebantur & contributebant, penitus quieti esse deberent & exonerati, juxta vim & effectum Literarum ipsius Avi nostri prædictarum, prout in Literis & confirmatione prædictis, ac exemplificatione Domini Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ secundi post conquestum recordi & processus discussionis & concordie prædictarum, plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod ipsos Barones & advocantes, de decima & quintadecima prædictis, nobis pro bonis & catallis suis hujusmodi solvendis, quietos esse permittatis, juxta tenorem Literarum confirmationis discussionis & concordie prædictarum, & prout ipsi inde quieti esse debent, ipsique & antecessores sui Barones Portuum prædictorum inde a tempore prædicto rationabiliter quieti esse consueverunt. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] xxvi^o die Aprilis anno regni nostri secundo. Trin. Status & Visus Compotorum 3 Hen. 4. Rot. 7. b.

CHAP. *London* and in *Suthwerk*, They not being members of the said *Gild*. In this PRO-S E C T. XI. ceeding variety of matter is disclosed, as appeareth hereunder in the columns. V.

Particularly, in an *Iter* holden at the Tower of *London*, it is Found by Verdict (amongst other things), That if any man of the *Gild* of *Weavers* was in arere for his share of their yearly Ferm at the time [or, for any time], he was wont to be distreined by his *Loom*, by the Bailifs of the *Gild*, untill he had paid his affeerant portion of the Ferm due from the *Gild*. And that, if it was Found amongst them, that any Weaver eloigned any goods of another Weaver falsely and maliciously, provided he did not steal them, thenceforth such person was to be dismissed from the *Gild*, and his *Loom* which he worked-upon was to remain in the *Gild* towards paying the Kings Ferm, namely to make-good such persons purpart or portion of It. And again, in a Writ of the Great-Seal hereunder set-forth, dated the fourth day of November in the Twentyfifth year of K *Edward* III, it is recited, That *Giles Spolmakere* and the rest of the Weavers who were Strangers and not of the *Gild*, were in *Lot* and *Scot* with the Citizens of *London*, and had willingly paid their contingent portions of the said Twenty marks payable yearly by the *London-Weavers* for their Ferm, according to the assessment imposed by the said Weavers upon the members of their *Gild* (i).

12. The

(i) *Londonia*. Dominus Rex mandavit hic breve suum de Magno Sigillo suo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno xxv^o, termino videlicet Paschæ, in hæc verba. *Edwardus* Dei gratia Rex Angliæ & Franciæ & Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Quendam petitionem coram nobis & Consilio nostro in præsentī Parlamento nostro, per Telarios Civitatis nostræ *Londoniæ* exhibitam, vobis mittimus præsentibus interclusam, mandantes quod audita querela ipsorum Telariorum super contentis in petitione prædicta, & visa carta de libertatibus eis per Progenitores nostros concessis, vocatisque coram vobis, si necesse fuerit, aliquibus Justiciariorum nostrorum de Banco, seu ad placita coram nobis tenenda assignatis, necnon aliis quos in hac parte fore videritis evocandos, ulterius in hac parte fieri faciatis quod de jure fuerit faciendum. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] viii^o die Martii, anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo quinto, regni vero nostri Franciæ duodecimo. Per petitionem de Parlamento. Et tenor petitionis prædictæ sequitur in hæc verba. A nostre Seigneur le Roi & son Conseil montrent les povers Tylers de Loundres, qe come le Roi Henry leur avoit autrefoith grante certeinz franchises per sa chartre, cest assavoir, qe nul esstraunge ne prive en la dite Cite de Loundres nen Suthewerk, nen nule part aillours au dite Cite apurtenaunt, ne se melleront de nule chose touchant le dit mestier, si ceo ne soit per eux, & en leur Gilde, sur forfaiture de dys livers desterlinges; la quele Chartre nostre Seigneur le Roy quore est ad conferme; pur quele grante & conferment les ditz Tylers paient a nostre Seigneur le Roi vintz marcz per an en Leschequier; & a ore vignont gentez esstraunges en la dite Cite, qe ne sont pas de leur Gilde, per colour dune proclamacion faite en la dite Cite lan unzisme le Roi quore est, qe toutes overours esstraunges poient venir en la dite Cite & aillours, & demorer & overer, en a-

vantage de eux & de Realme; per colour de quele proclamacion, esstraunges puis cele temps en cea ount demorez & overez en la dite Cite, saunz estre justifiez per eux, & ount pris plusours profitz sanz rienz estre chargez de la dite ferme, en coudre la tenure de leur Chartre; sur quoi les avant ditz Tylers prient qe leur Chartre leur soit allowe, issi qe les esstraunges soient per eux justifiez en leur Gilde, auxi pleinement come ils le soleient avoir en temps le dit Roi Henry, ou autrement, qils puissent estre descharges de la dite ferme de vintz marcz. Quæ quidem petitio indorsatur sic; Soit ceste peticion maunde, per brief de la Chauncellerie, as Tresorer & Barons del Eschequer, & comaunde a eux, qe oye la pleynte des Tylers de Loundres sur les choses contenues en la dite petition, & vewe leur Chartre de fraunchise a eux graunte, & appelez devant eux, si boisoigne ysoit, aucuns Justices del un Place ou del autre, & autres qe soient appellers en ceste partie, outre facent ceo qe soit affaire solonc droit & reson.

Et super hoc ad quindenam Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, venit hic Nicholaus de Worstede Telarius *Londoniæ*, qui pro se & Sociis suis Telariis prædictis sequitur in hac parte, & dicit pro se & Sociis suis prædictis, quod Rex H Progenitor Regis nunc, concessit Telariis *Londoniæ* Gildam suam, habendam in *Londonia*, cum omnibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus quas habuerunt tempore Regis H avi sui, Ita quod nullus se intromittat de eorum ministerio infra Civitatem *Londoniæ*, neque in *Suthwerk*, neque in aliis locis *Londoniæ* pertinentibus, nisi per illos, & nisi sit in eorum Gilda, aliter quam solebat fieri tempore dicti Regis H Avi, & prohibuit ne quis eis faceret aliquam injuriam vel contumeliam sub forisfactura x l; quam concessionem Rex nunc per Cartam suam confirmavit præfatis Telariis & Successoribus suis habendam. Et ostendit Curia dictam Cartam de confirmatione in hæc verba. *Edwardus* Dei gratia Rex Angliæ,

CHAP. 12. The Mayor and Governing Officers of Towns had power, by vertue of **S E C T.**
 XI. their Office or ordinary authority, to compell their Comburgesles to pay the **V.**
 Taxes

glia, Dominus Hibernia & Dux Aquitania, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus, Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus, Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus Cartam confirmationis quam Dominus E quondam Rex Angliæ avus noster, fecit Telariis Londoniæ in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hibernia, & Dux Aquitania, Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus, Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus, Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Præpositis Ministris, & omnibus Ballivis & fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam bonæ memoriæ Dominus H quondam Rex Angliæ, Progenitor noster, fecit Telariis Londoniæ, in hæc verba. H Rex Angliæ, & Dux Normannia & Aquitania, & Comes And[egavia], Episcopis Justiciariis Vicecomitibus, Baronibus Ministris, & omnibus fidelibus suis Londoniæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Telariis Londoniæ Gildam suam, habendam in Londonia, cum omnibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus, quas habuerunt tempore Regis H avi mei. Et ita quod nullus nisi per illos se intromittat infra Civitatem de eorum Ministerio, & nisi sit in eorum Gilda, neque in Sudworc, neque in aliis locis Londoniæ pertinentibus, aliter quam solebat fieri tempore Regis H avi mei. Quare volo & firmiter præcipio, quod ubicumque legaliter tractentur, & habeant omnia supradicta ita bene & in pace, & libere & honorifice & integre, sicut unquam melius & liberius & honorificentius & integrius habuerunt tempore Regis H avi mei; Ita quod inde singulis annis reddant michi ii marcas auri, ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Et prohibeo ne quis eis super [hoc] aliquam injuriam vel contumeliam faciat, supra x/ forisfacturæ. Testibus T Cant[uariensi] & Warr[ino] filio Ger[aldi] Cam[erario], apud Wynt[oniam]. Nos autem concessionem prædictam ratam habentes & gratam, eam pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, concedimus & confirmamus, prout carta prædicta rationabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre A Dunelm[ensi] Episcopo, Thoma Comite Lanc[astria], Humfrido de Bohun Comite Hereford[iæ] & Essex[iæ], Willelmo de Cantilupo, Roberto de la Warde Senescallo Hospicii nostri, Philippo de Verney, Johanne de Merk, & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Lenton, octavo die Aprilis anno regni nostri tricesimo primo. Nos autem concessionem prædictam ratam habentes & gratam, eam pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, præfatis Telariis, & eorum hæredibus & Successoribus Telariis Londoniæ, concedimus & confirmamus, sicut carta prædicta rationabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus, Venerabilibus patribus, J Eliens[i] Episcopo Cancellario nostro, H Lincoln[iensi] Episcopo Thesaurario nostro, A Hereford[ensi] E-

piscopo, Johanne de Warena Comite Sur[reia], Thoma Wake, Roberto de Monte Alto, Johanne de Roos Senescallo Hospicii nostri, & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westm[onasterium], xxviº die Marcii anno regni nostri primo. Per ipsum Regem & petitionem de Consilio.

Et dicit quod diversi extranei qui non sunt de Gilda sua, videlicet, Egidius Spolmakere, Johannes Person, Johannes Atte Wyre, Johannes Spilman, & Johannes Elyas, morantur jam in Londonia, & Johannes de Oxenford in Suthewerk, & intromittunt se de ministerio suo prædicto, & operantur in locis prædictis, non obstante libertate prædicta, & faciunt omnimodos pannos radiatos & coloratos & alios pannos in locis prædictis, & se justiciare nolunt per Telarios prædictos, qui & omnes alii qui sunt infra gildam prædictam, juxta libertatem prædictam justiciari debent &c, nec ad firmam Regis quam solvunt pro Gilda illa habenda quicquam solvunt, neque solvere volunt; & ex quo in carta prædicta continetur, quod nullus contra eandem libertatem aliquam injuriam vel contumeliam faceret, sub forisfactura decem librarum, petunt quod illi qui sic operantur & non sunt de gilda sua prædicta, possint justiciari in eadem gilda, vel quod iidem Telarii exonerentur de firma sua prædicta, juxta tenorem brevis petitionis & cartæ supradictorum.

Et visis præmissis, quia continetur in carta prædicta quod ipsi haberent gildam suam, cum omnibus libertatibus & consuetudinibus quas habuerunt tempore prædicti Regis H filii Imperatricis, dictum est præfatis Telariis quod informant Curiam, quales & quantas libertates tunc temporis habuerunt. Et datus est eis dies ad Curiam informandum in Octabis Sancti Johannis Baptista. Ad quem diem prædicti Telarii venerunt. Et detulerunt Curia quoddam breve de Magno Sigillo, quod est inter Communia de hoc anno xxvº, termino videlicet Sanctæ Trinitatis, in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia —, *This Writ containeth the Donations and Confirmations made to the Telarii Londoniæ. Then followeth the tenour of a Record and process which were had upon a Quo Waranto brought against the Telarii of the London-Gild, before Hervicus de Staunton and his Companions Justices Itinerant at the Tower of London. It beginneth,* PLACITA APVD TVRRIM LONDONIÆ CORAM HERVICO DE STAVNTON & fociis suis Justiciariis Domini Regis ibidem itinerantibus, in craftino Sancti Hillarii, anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi quartodecimo.

Londonia. Telarii Londoniæ summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum Domino Regi, de placito quo Waranto clamant habere Gildam suam in Civitate prædicta, and divers other franchises

CHAP. Taxes or quotas assessed on them in the Town, and to contribute to custom-S E C T.
 XI. ary payments. This appeareth in some measure in the case of *Philipp le V. Espicer*

franchises here specified. The Teliers Pleaded to the Charge. Geoffrey Lescrop who followed for the King Replied. Issue was joined. The Jurours gave a Long and Discreet Verdict. Juratores scilicet Rogerus le Palmere and Eleven others dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod —, That the Teliers had their Gild, their Court every Three weeks &c; and quod nullus se intromisit de eorum misterio (probably it should have been written ministerio, for That is the word used in their Old Charter) in Londonia, neque in Suthwerk, nec in aliis locis Londoniæ pertinentibus, nisi per illos, & nisi esset de eorum Gilda —. Et dicunt (the Jury further Find,) quod si aliquis a retro fuisset de firma sua ad tempus, per ustiliamentum suum a tempore prædicto consuevit distringi per Ballivos suos Gildæ prædictæ, quousque solvisset portionem suam ipsum contingentem de eadem firma. Et dicunt, quod si inter eos compertum esset, quod aliquis eorum elongaverit de bonis alicujus false & maliciose, ita quod non furtive, extunc de eorum Gilda debet & consuevit dimitti, & ustiliamentum suum super quod operatur, pro firma Regis acquietanda consuevit remanere in Gilda prædicta, pro rata portionis firmæ suæ —. The Jury Find, that within Thirty years last past, the Teliers of the Gild had made several New Orders or ordinances, which were ad dampnum & dispendium populi. For instance; They ordered, that no Weaver should work between the feast of Christmas and the feast of Candlemas; That no Weaver should work by Candle-light; That no Weaver should make a Piece of Cloth of such a sort in less than Four days, whereas (says the Verdict) it might well-enough be made in Two or Three days &c. The Jury Findeth, That formerly there used to be amongst these Weavers about Two hundred and fourscore ustilamenta (so the word is written in this clause), modo non sunt inter eosdem Telarios nisi circiter quater viginti hujusmodi ustilamenta —, That quanto minor est numerus operantium de eorum ministerio, tanto major erit caristia operationis suæ — &c. At the end of this Iter and Verdict are these words, Dies datus est eis coram Domino Rege a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies &c.

Hereupon, the said Giles Spolmaker and the others who were not of the Gild, appeared in the Court of Exchequer, and brought a Writ under the Great Seal of K Edward III, in these words, Edwardus D g R A & F, & D Hiberniæ, Thesaurario & Baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum in Parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri undecimo tento, inter cætera, pro communi utilitate dicti regni nostri concordatum fuisset, quod omnes operarii pannorum de partibus extraneis, de quacumque terra fuerint, qui infra dictum regnum nostrum, aut terras nostras

Hiberniæ & Walliæ, venire & ibidem morari vellent, in eisdem regno & terris salvo & secure sub protectione & salvo conductu nostris venirent, & ubi in dictis regno & terris vellent morarentur, & quod nos eisdem operariis, ut libentius ibidem venirent, tot & tales libertates quot eis sufficerent concederemus; quam quidem concordiam in Civitate nostra Londoniæ & in singulis Comitatibus dicti regni nostri fecerimus proclamari; & præceperimus Vicecomitibus nostris Londoniæ, quod ipsos operarios extraneos misteras suas in dicta Civitate excercentes manutenerent & protegerent, ac ipsos ab injuriis molestiis dampnis ac impedimentis super excercitio misteræ prædictæ, absque aliquibus injustis impositionibus seu vexationibus, aut injuriis vel violentiis, eis inferendis, dum ipsi bene & fideliter operarentur, & solverent quod deberent, defenderent: Jamque intellexerimus, quod licet quamplures hujusmodi operarii pannorum, a dictis partibus extraneis ad Civitatem prædictam venissent, & ibidem sub dicta protectione nostra morati fuissent, misteras suas in eadem excercendo, & in lotto & scotto cum Civibus Civitatis prædictæ existant, & portiones ipsos de illis viginti marcis, quæ per Telarios dictæ Civitatis ad opus nostrum annuatim solvuntur, juxta assensionem super ipsos operarios per dictos Telarios impositam contingentes, gratanter solvissent, ipsi tamen Telarii dictæ Civitatis ipsos operarios extraneos ad essendum de Gilda sua in Civitate prædicta, & ad veniendum ad Curiam suam per varias distractiones compulerunt, & ipsos ea occasione multipliciter fatigarunt, & fatigare non desistunt: Vosque nichilominus hujusmodi operarios extraneos, videlicet, Egidium Spolmakere, Johannem Persoun, Johannem Atte Wyre, Johannem Spilman, & Johannem Elyas, tam ad sectam nostram quam dictorum Telariorum, coram vobis ad Scaccarium prædictum venire demandastis, ad respondendum nobis & præfatis Telariis, quare contra libertatem eisdem Telariis concessam, de mistera prædicta infra Civitatem prædictam se intromittunt, & pannos radiatos & coloratos operantur, ipsis infra gildam prædictam non existentibus, & per eosdem Telarios se justiciari non permittunt, & ad firmam prædictamolvere recusarunt, & quare decem libræ de quolibet ipsorum, juxta tenorem cartæ eisdem Telariis ut prætendunt concessæ, ut nobis forisfactæ levare non debuerunt, in ipsorum operariorum dispendium non modicum, & contra formam concordiæ & protectionis nostræ prædictarum: Super quo nobis supplicarunt sibi per nos remedium adhiberi. Nos volentes omnes & singulos hujusmodi operarios extraneos, infra regnum & potestatem nostram taliter venientes, & ibidem misteras suas excercentes, a violentiis & injuriis quibuscumque

juxta

CHAP. *Espicer (k)*, and of *William de Hallingbury*. In *Williams* case, upon a Vintisme S E C T.
 XI. payable to the King, several persons owed arreres. Those arreres were certified to the V.
 Mayor and Chamberlain of *London*. The Mayor commanded the Sherif to distrein
 the several persons who owed the same (l). And if perchance the Mayor or Sherif
 or Ruling Officers of a Town could not compell any refractory persons of their
 Compeers, they might have Aid of the King to compell them. As in the case of
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juxta formam concordiae praedictae protegi & tueri, absque eo quod ipsi ad essendum de Gilda dictorum Telariorum, seu ad veniendum ad Curiam suam, ipsis operariis invitis, compellantur; Vobis mandamus, quod ipsos Egidium, Johannem, Johannem, Johannem, & Johannem, vel alios hujusmodi operarios, pro eo quod ipsi de Gilda dictorum Telariorum in dicta Civitate non existunt, seu aliis occasionibus praemissis, non molestetis in aliquo seu gravetis, processui versus eosdem Egidium, Johannem, Johannem, Johannem, & Johannem, coram vobis ad dictum Scaccarium ea occasione inchoato omnino superfedentes. Teste meipso apud Westm[onasterium] quarto die Novembris, anno regni nostri Angliae vicesimo quinto, regni vero nostri Francia duodecimo.

Et petunt sibi fieri in praemissis quod &c, secundum tenorem ejusdem brevis. Et viso dicto brevi, datus est dies partibus praedictis hic in eodem statu quo nunc, a die Purificationis B Mariae in xv dies. *So the Record endeth. Placita coram Baronibus 25 Edw. 3. Rot. 99. a.*

This Record, though long, seemed Curious enough to be inserted thus at large.

(k) *Firma Burgi cap. 5. sect 23. sub anno 22 Edw. 1.*

(l) *London[ia]*. Willelmus de Basingg unus Vicecomitum Londoniae attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Willelmo de Hallingbury Mercatori de Londonia, de placito transgressionis. Et unde queritur quod praedictus Vicecomes die Veneris proximo post festum Sancti Barnabae Apostoli hoc anno, auctoritate ballivae suae & absque Waranto, distrinxit & distringere fecit ipsum Willelmum de Hallingbury, in domo sua in vico Tamisiae in Londonia, per bona & catalla sua, videlicet per unum Saccum Lanae pretii xiiii marcarum, & illam lanam inde asportari fecit, & penes se hucusque injuste detinuit & adhuc detinet, ad dampnum ipsius Willelmi de Hallingbury xl. Et hoc offert &c.

Et praedictus Vicecomes venit in propria persona, & defendit omnem injuriam & quicquid &c. Et dicit quod praedictus Willelmus de Hallingbury & quidam Johannes Myre fuerunt assessores & Collectores vicesimae Regi concessae in Warda de Douegate in Londonia, & venerunt coram Majore & Camerariis Gyaldae Londonia, & reddiderunt compotum suum de eadem vicesima, & super compoto illo remanserunt in arreragiis de xxiiii l; propter quod dicti Major & Camerarii liberaverunt eidem Vicecomiti nomina ipsorum Collectorum, praecipientes ei quod

praedictas xxiiii libras de ipsis levaret; praetextu cujus praeepti idem Vicecomes distrinxit praedictum Willelmum de Hallingbury per per unum saccum Lanae, ut pro portione sua ipsum contingente de debito praedicto. Ita quod nullam injuriam ei fecit. Et hoc paratus est verificare qualitercumque &c.

Et praedictus Willelmus de Hallingbury dicit & bene cognovit quod fuit unus Collectorum dictae vicesimae, & quod xxiiii l debebantur de arreragiis compoti sui & Sociorum suorum inde redditu. Set dicit quod post compotum illum redditum, Major Londoniae injunxit praefato Vicecomiti quod assisteret dictis Collectoribus in auxilium ad levandum arreragia praedicta, de hiis qui arreragia illa debuerunt; propter quod iidem Collectores liberaverunt ei certa nomina eorundem debitorum, & idem Vicecomes per fervientem suum cepit quasdam distractiones super aliquas eorundem debitorum usque ad summam octo marcarum pro arreragiis praedictis, & postmodum auctoritate sua propria distractiones illas reliberavit absque waranto, & absque hoc quod in aliquo erat satisfactum de arreragiis praedictis; propter quod dicit quod praedictus Vicecomes ipsum Willelmum injuste distrinxit. Et petit judicium &c. Ad quod praedictus Vicecomes dicit, quod ipse nullam distractionem cepit super aliquem debitorum praedictorum pro arreragiis praedictis, nisi tantum distractionem illam quam cepit super Collectores praedictos in forma praedicta. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur. Et praedictus Willelmus de Hallingbury dicit, quod praedictus Vicecomes cepit de debitoribus dictorum arreragiorum distractiones supradictas, & postmodum eas reliberavit in forma supradicta. Et hoc petit similiter quod inquiratur.

Et Johannes Mire similiter queritur de praedicto Vicecomite, quod idem Vicecomes die supradicto ipsum Johannem distrinxit per quatuor pannos radiatos pretii xx marcarum, in Vico Tamisiae, absque Waranto & occasione quacumque; Et distractionem illam penes se detinet; ad dampnum ipsius Johannis x librum. Et hoc offert &c.

Et praedictus Vicecomes respondet ei in forma qua superius respondit praedicto Willelmo de Hallingbury. Et inde ponit se in Inquisitionem supradictam. Et dictus Johannes similiter. Ideo praeeptum est Coronatoribus, quod venire faciant apud Sanctum Martinum Magnum, die Veneris proximo post festum Translationis Sancti Thomae Martiris, xii de Warda de Douegate & de duabus Wardis proximo adjacentibus, ad certificandum &c. *Placita coram Baronibus 2 Edw. 2. Rot. 68. b.*

CHAP. the Town of *Stamford* (m), the Town of *Warwick* (n), and other Towns. S E C T.

XI. Thus the Common Debts due to the King from a City or Burgh were to be raised VI.

and paid by Common Contribution. If the Citifens or Burgefles could not agree in affeffing and raifing the money amongst themfelves, the Sherif of the County by Order or Writ from the Kings Chancery or Exchequer might apportion it amongst them. Or the apportionment might be made in fuch manner as apportionments were wont to be made in other cafes.

VI. The Kings of *England* in Former ages were found to be Merciful and Gracious Lords to the Inhabitants of their Towns. It was entirely in the choice of the Ancient Kings of *England*, to let their Towns refpectively to a *Provost* or *Custos*; who had power enough to opprefs the Townfmen or Do them hardfhips. Or the Kings might have let-out their Towns at a Rack-rent, or otherwife, to any Fermer whom they pleased to gratify. It is manifefst therefore, that they gave the Inhabitants of their Towns an ample proof of their Grace and Clemency in granting them the Option of taking their Town at Ferme. So that upon the matter, every Town which was holden by the Townfmen of the King in Fee-ferm exhibiteth to us a Prefident demonftrating the Kings Favour to That Town. But befides this, the Kings of *England* were commonly difpofed to give their Demean-towns particular marks of their Grace from time to time. For example.

In the reign of K *Henry I*, the Burgefles of the Town of *Durham* Fined or were amerced at Cs, before *Euface Fitz-John* one of the Kings Juftices [Errant]. The King remitted to them Lxs part thereof, for the lofs they lately had by Fire (o). The fame King *Henry I* releafed certain areres of an *Aid* to the feveral Towns of *St Edward* and *Dorchefter*, becaufe of their Poverty (p). In the fame Kings reign, the Town of *Warengford* owed the King xvl for *Aid*, The King remitted it to the Burgefles, in compaffion to their Poverty. They alfo owed him xvl and xvl, the *Aid* for Two other years. He remitted the fame to the Burgefles, for their Poverty (q). In the Nineteenth year of K *Henry II* the Townfmen of *Geldeford* in *Surrey* owed the King vis viii d the remanent of an *Aid*. The Debt was refpited becaufe of their Poverty (r). The Men of *Dunwich* in *Suffolk* rendred to the Crown yearly Cxxl and a mark for the Ferm of their Town. K *John* remitted to them xl part of it. And K *Henry III* made them yearly an abatement of xxl more by reafon of the Decay of their Town. They had thefe abatements made to them in the Thirtyfifth and other years of K *Henry III* (s). King *Henry III* in the Thirtyfixth year of his reign allowed the Men of *Dunwich*, upon their Accompt, out of their yearly Ferm, xxl, becaufe of the Decay of their Town, and gave them xlvii l xs in aid of the Removing and Repairing of the Harbour (t). In the Fortyninth year of K *Henry III*, the

(m) *Firma Burgi*, cap. 10. feét. 4. anno circiter 31 Hen. 3.

(n) *Firma Burgi* cap. 10. feét. 8.

(o) Burgenfes Dunelmi reddunt compotum de Cs, de Placitis Eufacii filii Johannis; In thefauro xls, Et in Perdonis per breve Regis, Eifdem Burgenfibus Lxs, pro combustione Domuum fuarum, Et Quietus funt. *Mag. Rot. 5 Steph. Rot. 13. b. in compoto de Epifcopatu Dunelmi.*

(p) Et idem Vicecomes r c de auxilio Burgorum. In Thefauro xl. Et in Perdonis per breve Regis, Burgenfibus de Sancto Edwardo xls pro paupertate eorum; Burgenfibus de Doreceftre xl s. Et Quietus eft. *Mag. Rot. anni incerti Henr. 1 Regis, Rot. 2. m. 1. a. Dorseta.*

(q) *Hift. Exch. p 226. col. 1. c.*

(r) Idem Vicecomes (viz. Gervafius de Cornhill) debet vis & viii d de Auxilio de Geldef[ord]; qui remanserunt pro paupertate. *Mag. Rot. 19 Hen. 2. Rot. 12. b. Surreya.*

(s) Homines de Dunewic[o] reddunt compotum de C & xxl & i marca, de firma villæ fuæ. In thefauro nichil. Et in decimis constitutis Monachis de Eya xii l; Et Militibus de Templo xs; Et in perdonis ipfis Hominibus, xl l, per Cartam Regis J[ohannis]; Et Monachis de Ely i marcam, & eifdem xxiiii Millia allecum; Et in perdonis eifdem Hominibus, xxl, propter deteriorationem Villæ fuæ, quamdiu Regi placuerit, ficut continetur in Rotulo xxv. Et debent xlvii l xs. *Mag. Rot. 35 Hen. 3. m. 1. a. Norfolch & Suffolch.*

(t) Homines de Dunewic[o] reddunt compotum de C & xxl & i marca de firma villæ fuæ

CHAP. the Houses in the City of *Winchester* became ruinous by reason of the Poverty S E C T:
 XI. of the Citifens and Inhabitants. The King compassionating the Poverty of the VI.

Citifens, and desiring to put the City into a better state, granted to them, that for oneandtwenty years next coming they should render to him C marks yearly at the Terms at which they used to render to him Fourscore pounds. And K *Edward* I favoured them upon the same motive (u). K *Henry* III in the Fiftythird year of his reign, commanded the Barons of the Exchequer to Allow the Bailifs and Burgeses of *Norhamton*, out of the Ferm of their Town, Sixscore pounds, which the King freely gave them for repairing and amending their Town-wall (w). K *Henry* III granted to his Men of *Dunwich* CCL, towards Walling their Town. And K *Edward* I caused Allowance thereof to be made to them at his Exchequer accordingly (x). In the twelfth year of K *Edward* II, the Burgeses of *Baumburgh*, shewed by Petition exhibited to the King and his Counsel in Parliament, that they were greatly impoverished by the Ransomes Burnings and Depredations committed on them by the *Scots*; and prayed the Kings clemency. Accordingly, the King relieved them in the payment of their Ferme (y).

K *Richard* II in the fifth year of his reign, relieved the Men of *Dunwich* in their yearly Ferm. This Relief was to continue till they should be recovered from their present decayed condition (z). In the reign of K *Richard* II, the Men

fuæ—: Et in Perdonis eisdem Hominibus xxl, propter deteriorationem Villæ suæ, quamdiu Regi placuerit, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxv; Et eisdem Hominibus in subsidium amotionis & refectionis Portus Villæ suæ xlviii & xs, per breve Regis adhuc inter Communia. Et quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 36 Hen. 3. tit. Norf. & Suff. m. 1. a.*

(u) *Hist. Exch. p 231. col. 1. k. l.*

(w) Baronibus pro Ballivis & Burgenfibus *Norhamtonæ*. Rex mandat quod allocent Ballivis & Burgenfibus *Norhamtonæ* de firma sua ejusdem Villæ de termino S Michaelis anno &c xlvii^o sexies viginti libras, quas Rex eisdem Burgenfibus concessit de gratia sua speciali, ad reparationem & emendationem Muri sui circumcingentis Villam suam &c. Breve est in forulo Marefcalli. *Hil. Communia 52 & 53 Hen. 3. Rot. 6. a.*

(x) Baronibus pro Hominibus de *Dunewico*. Rex misit quandam Inquisitionem factam per præceptum suum, de illis Ducentis libris in quibus Homines sui de *Dunwyco* tenebantur Domino H Regi Patri suo, pro diversis debitis, & quas idem Pater suus eisdem Hominibus dederat in Auxilium Villæ suæ claudendæ, & unde Breve prædicti patris sui penes Barones residet ad Scaccarium suum: Mandat eisdem, quod juxta Inquisitionem illam & tenorem brevis prædicti, præfatis Hominibus de debitis in quibus Regi tenentur ad Scaccarium prædictum, usque ad summam prædictarum ducentarum librarum, plenariam quietanciam habere faciant. T &c. *Mich. Communia 4 & 5 Edw. 1. Rot. 2. a.*

(y) Baronibus pro Burgenfibus de *Baumburgh*. Supplicarunt Regi Burgenfes sui Villæ de *Baumburgh*, per petitionem suam coram Rege & Consilio suo in Parlamento suo exhibitam, quod cum ipsi per diversa tributa & redemptiones *Scotis* inimicis & rebellibus Regis, per dictos Burgenfes, pro eo quod se

ad fidem Regis tenuerunt, per tempus non modicum soluta, ac etiam per diversas combustiones Villæ prædictæ, necnon per deprædationes bonorum & catallorum suorum, per dictos inimicos Regis, in tantum depauperentur & destruantur, quod ad viginti & sex marcas, quas Regi ad Scaccarium suum singulis annis pro firma Villæ prædictæ reddere tenentur, Regi reddendas non sufficiunt, ut Rex eisdem Burgenfibus firmam suam prædictam per aliquod tempus, necnon sex marcas Regi de firma ejusdem Villæ de anno præterito a retro existentes perdonare velit: Rex statui eorundem Burgenfium pie compaciens, perdonavit eis de gratia sua viginti & sex marcas quas Regi reddere debebunt pro firma sua prædicta de anno proximo futuro, ac etiam prædictas sex marcas Regi de eadem firma de anno præterito ut præmittitur aretro existentes: Et ideo mandat Baronibus, quod prædictos Burgenfes de prædictis viginti & sex marcis de firma sua de anno proximo futuro, ac etiam de dictis sex marcis de anno præterito ut prædictum est aretro existentibus, ad Scaccarium Regis exonerari & quietos esse faciant. Teste Rege apud *Ebor[acum]*, xxvi^o die Novembris anno xii^o. Per petitionem de Consilio. *Pas. Brevia directa Baronibus 12 Edw. 2. Rot. 98. b.*

(z) Ricardus filius Johannis & alii Homines Villæ *Donewyci* [debent] Lxv l de firma Villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xx Regis E tercii, & in Rotulo xix Regis E filii Regis H, & in Rotulo viii dicti Regis E; Et MMCLxvii v d de annis præteritis. And lower in the same Roll thus,

Burgenfes Villæ de *Donewyci* debent xiiii l xs ix d per annum de firma Villæ suæ, Habendum de Rege & hæredibus Regis, a xxiii die Aprilis anno xxxi Regis E tercii, quamdiu Regi placuerit, vel quousque statum ipsorum Burgenfium dictæ Villæ in melius contigerit relevari, Reddendo Regi per annum dicto: xiiii l xs ix d tantum, ad festa S Michaelis

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CHAP. Men of *Portesmouth* owed the Crown *Lxl* an arrere of the Ferm of their Town. S E C T.

XI. The King forgave them That summe, and also remitted to them their whole yearly Ferm for Ten years next to come, towards the rebuilding of their Town (a). VI.

K *Richard* II in the eighteenth year of his reign, by his Patent-Letter granted to the Bailifs Good Men and Commonalty of the Town of *Shrewsbury*, in consideration of the dammages and losses which they had lately sustained by a sudden Fire, which burned-down the Church of *St Chad* and great part of their Town, That, for their Relief, and towards the repairing and amending the Town, they should for Three years next coming be quittance of the Fee-ferm of their Town, and likewise of the arreres of Two Moieties of Tenths lately granted to the King in Parliament (b). K *Henry* IV in the first year of his reign granted Two hundred pounds to the Mayor Baylifs and Good Men of his Town of *Southampton*, towards fortifying and repairing the Town, To be received by them yearly in the manner mentioned in his Patent-Letter of Grant thereof (c). In the reign of K *Henry* IV, many houses in the Town and Port of *Hethe* with the goods and chatells therein were burnt by a casual Fire, and some of the Ships belonging to the Town had lately perished at Sea, to the great empoverishment of the Town: The King, in compassion to the Townsmen, did by his Patent-Letter in

chaëlis & Paschæ æqualiter; Ita quod accrescente relevatione hujusmodi crescat dictæ villæ solutio cum moderamine ut decet, sicut continetur in Rotulo xxxix & xxxi dicti Regis E tercii; Et CCLxxvii iiii s iiii d de annis præteritis. Summa, CC quater xx & xlv s. De quibus Vicecomes respondet in Item Norfolcia de xiiii l xs ix d—. *Mag. Rot. 5 Ric. 2. Norf. Suff. m. 2. a.*

(a) Homines de *Portesmouth* debent *xxl* de feodi firma villæ suæ, sicut continetur in Rotulo xviiº & xiiiiº Regis H, Et *xli* de ann[is] præter[itis]; Summa, *Lxl*; In Thesau-ro nichil; Et in Perdonis eisdem Hominibus de gratia Regis speciali *Lxl* prædictas, per breve Regis irrotulatum in Memorandis de anno secundo Regis hujus termino Hillarii inter Communia de eodem anno, In quo continetur quod Rex E avus Regis hujus xiiiiº die Junii anno xlvº perdonavit per Literas suas patentes quas Rex nunc confirmavit, eisdem Hominibus firmam prædictam a prædicto xiiiiº die Junii usque ad finem decem annorum proximo sequentium plenarie completorum, in auxilium reedificationis villæ prædictæ; & per quod breve Rex mandavit Baronibus, quod dictos Homines de firma prædicta per prædictos decem annos ad Scaccarium exonerari & quietos esse faciant. Et Quieti sunt. *Mag. Rot. 2 Ric. 2. Suhamt[escire], m. 2. a.*

(b) *Salop[escira]*. Ricardus Dei gratia R A & F & D H, Omnibus ad quos p l p salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali, & consideratione dampnorum & depeditorum quæ dilecti ligei nostri Ballivi probi homines & Communitas Villæ *Salopia* per subitum ignis infortunium jam tarde sustinuerunt, per quod ecclesia Sancti Ceddæ ac magna pars ejusdem Villæ combustæ fuerunt, Concessimus eisdem Ballivis probis hominibus & Communitati, quod ipsi in status sui incrementum, ac Villæ prædictæ reparationem & emendationem, quieti sint & exonerati erga nos de feodi firma ejusdem Villæ pro tri-

bus annis proximo futuris. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra perdonavimus eisdem Ballivis probis hominibus & Communitati id quod per eos nobis debetur de duabus medietatibus decimarum nobis per Communitatem regni nostri Angliæ in ultimo Parlamento nostro apud Wyntoniam tento concessarum. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Castrum nostrum de *Haverford* vicesimo octavo die Septembris anno regni nostri decimo octavo. Per breve de privato Sigillo. *Mich. Communia 18 Ric. 2. Rot. 12. b.*

(c) Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali & de assensu Consilii nostri, concessimus dilectis nobis Majori Ballivis & probis hominibus Villæ nostræ *Suthamptoniæ*, in auxilium fortificationis & reparationis ejusdem Villæ, ducenas libras, percipiendas annuatim quamdiu nobis placuerit in forma subscripta, videlicet de Subsidio lanarum in Portu Villæ nostræ prædictæ, per manus Collectorum ejusdem Subsidii pro anno proximo futuro Centum libras, prima solutione ad festum Paschæ jam proximo sequens incipiente, & de firma Villæ nostræ prædictæ Centum libras pro eodem anno elapsoque anno illo, Percipiendum dictas ducenas libras extunc annuatim quamdiu nobis placuerit, de firma supradicta. Ita quod Inhabitantes Villam illam, & arrentati in eadem, necnon possessores bonorum infra Villam prædictam, de bonis suis propriis solvant Centum libras per annum ad reparationem & fortificationem antedictas. Volentes quod per supervisum dilecti Armigeri nostri Ricardi Mawardyn, ac Majoris Villæ nostræ prædictæ, necnon per Contrarotationem Contrarotulatoris nostri ibidem, dictæ trescentæ libras singulis annis super reparatione & fortificatione Villæ nostræ prædictæ plenarie & fideliter applicentur. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xviiº die Martii. Per breve de privato Sigillo. *Originale 1 Hen. 4. pars 2. Rot. 27.*

C H A P. in the Second year of his reign, release to them for a time the Service of Ship- S E C T.
 XI. ping which they owed to the Crown as they were a Member of the Cinque VI.
 Ports (d).

In the reign of K *Henry VI*, the Citifens of *Norwich* were accused of divers great Trespasses and Misdemeaners. *Sir John Fortescu*, *William Westbury*, and *William Goderede* were commissioned by the King and sent to *Norwich*, to Enquire, Hear, and Determine concerning all Treasons, Insurrections, Riots, Routs, and other articles. Before those Justices Four several Presentments were made against the Citifens. They Pleaded to the said Presentments. Afterwards they relinquished their Pleas; and submitted themselves *de alto & basso* to the Kings Mercy. The Liberties of the City were seized into the Kings hand. In due time the King as a Gracious Lord, restored the said Liberties and Franchises to the Citifens, to be holden in the same form as they held the same Liberties and Franchises before they were seized into the Kings hands (e). K *Henry VI* in the Twentyfourth

(d) Pro Hominibus Villæ de Hethe. Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod cum tertio die Maii ultimo præterito, plures quam ducentæ domus in Villa & Portu de Hethe, per infortunium ignis, una cum omnibus bonis & catallis ad valorem sexcentarum librarum & amplius in eisdem domibus existentibus combustæ, ac quinque naves ejusdem Villæ, unacum Centum Hominibus in eisdem existentibus, nuper supra Mare periclitatæ & submersæ fuissent, in Villæ & Portus prædictorum destructionem manifestam; ac homines ibidem remanentes, occasionibus præmissis, necnon pestilenciarum aliorumque dampnorum eidem Portui nuper evenientium, in pleno proposito existant Villam prædictam relinquendi, & ab eadem exeundi, a libique conversandi. Nos tam præmissa, quam magnum & excessivum onus quod dicta Villa ad servitium nostrum quinque Portuum oneratur, de eo videlicet quod eadem Villa cum quinque navibus, unacum Centum hominibus & quinque garcionibus in eisdem, absque aliquo auxilio seu relevamine alicujus alterius membri, pro prædicto servitio faciendo, per quindecim dies ad proprios cultus suos servire tenetur; ad supplicationem Communitatis Villæ & Portus prædictorum, perdonavimus & relaxavimus, pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, Baronibus & Communibus ejusdem Villæ, & eorum Successoribus, quantitatem suam servitii nostri, videlicet de quinque navibus cum Centum hominibus & quinque garcionibus eisdem pertinentibus, pro quinque vicibus de tempore quo dictum servitium tempore nostro seu hæredum nostrorum extiterit, nisi major necessitas id exposcat. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium] xv^o die Aprilis. Per breve de privato Sigillo. Originale 2 Hen. 4. pars 1. Rot. 16.

(e) Civitas Norwici. De Civibus Civitatis Norwici exonerandis de Cxiii^l viiis, de feodi firma Civitatis Norwici annuatim exactis.

Compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno regni Domini Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ primi post conquestum sexto, in Norf[olcia], quod exiguntur ibidem de Hominibus de

Norwico Liiii^l bl[ancorum], de firma Villæ de Norwico de dimidio anno —.

Et modo in Crastino Sancti Martini hoc termino, prædicti Cives venerunt hic per Gerardum de la Hay & Thomam Depden Attornatos suos —. *The Citifens of Norwich were guilty of divers great offences and misdemeaners. A Commission of Oyer and Terminer issued, directed to Sir John Fortescu and others. Four Presentments were made against the Citifens. To which they Pleaded.* Et Thomas Greswold qui pro Domino Rege in hac parte sequebatur, pro ipso Domino Rege petit inde licentiam loquendi &c. Et ei conceditur &c. Super quo immediate dicti Major & Communitas non cognoscendo nec admittendo præmissa super eos præsentata, nec aliquod præmissorum, ut Domini Regis humillimi & fideles ligei, ad fontem gratiæ & misericordiæ suarum piissime & humillime recurrentes, & in eis plenius confidentes, ac eis gaudere supplicando, legem & mandata ipsius Domini Regis, ac ejusdem legis executiones quascumque, humillimo modo quo sciverunt aut potuerunt [de] alto & basso admittere, subire, & obedire cupientes in omnibus & volentes, pro eo quod ipsi eorum laboribus & expensis non sufficiebant, nec seipsis aliquantulum præsumpserunt, neque intendebant ulteriorem moram placito versus Dominum Regem in hac parte facere, nec placitum suum prædictum ulterius manutenere, gratis & humillime se posuerunt in gratiam & misericordiam ejusdem Domini Regis, placita sua prædicta relinquentes, & petentes se ad finem cum ipso Rege occasionibus prædictis faciendum admitti; & pro eodem fine offerebant plegios, videlicet, Willelmum Henstede, Thomam Wetherby, and above a Hundred other persons Cives Civitatis Norwici. E super hoc quia prædicti plegii sunt de Communitate prædicta, & quamplures eorum de pluribus aliis transgressionibus indictati, pro quibus fines cum Domino Rege separatim sunt facturi; ac quia tunc videbatur Curia, quod ipsi ultra eosdem fines pro tanto fine, quanto per dictos Majorem & Communitatem faciendum est in hoc casu fuerunt insufficientes, dies datus fuit tam præfato Thomæ Greswolde qui pro Domino Rege sequebatur &c, quam præfatis

CHAP. Twentyfourth year of his reign, had regard to the low estate of the Burgeses of S E C T. VI.
 XI. *Gipwic*, who were burdened and empoverished by payment of their yearly Ferm to the Crown. And therefore in order to relieve the said Burgeses, and enable them to pay the said Ferm, he did by his Charter grant to them divers Liberties quittances and immunities (f). By a Petition of the Mayor and Citifens of *York*

to

fatis tunc Majori & Communitati, coram præfatis Justiciariis apud Thetford, die Jovis quatuordecimo die Marcii tunc proximo futuro &c, de judicio suo in hac parte audiendo &c. Et dictum fuit eisdem Majori & Communitati, quod erga diem illum sufficientes plegios in hac parte inveniant si &c. Ad quos diem & locum, coram præfatis Justiciariis apud Thetford, venerunt præfati Major & Communitas per Attornatum suum prædictum. Super quo, pro eo quod iidem Major & Communitas alios plegios sufficientes non optulerunt, & placitum suum prædictum versus Dominum Regem reliquerunt in forma prædicta; Ideo consideratum est, quod libertates & franchises Civitatis prædictæ capiantur & seisiuntur in manum Domini Regis, & in eadem remaneant occasionebus prædictis; prout coram ipso Domino Rege plenius patet de Recordo. Dicunt etiam prædicti Cives, quod prætextu iudicii prædicti, libertates & franchises Civitatis prædictæ in manus Domini Regis adtunc captæ & seisiatæ fuerunt; occasione quorum iudicii & seisinæ prædictarum libertatum & franchiseiarum, eadem libertates & franchises in manibus Domini Regis, a tempore seisinæ earundem, usque in hodiernum diem, seisiatæ remanserunt, & adhuc in manu ejusdem Domini Regis remanent. Posteaque idem Dominus Rex nunc per Literas suas patentes, datas viii^o die Maii anno regni sui xxi^o, constituit ipsos Robertum Aleyn & Johannem Intewode Vicecomites prædictæ Civitatis & Comitatus Norwici prædict[orum], Habend[um] & occupandum officium prædictum, a prædicto viii^o die Maii, quamdiu eidem Domino Regi placeret. Virtute quarum Literarum patentium eis ut prædictum est confectarum, iidem Robertus & Johannes a prædicto viii^o die Maii, usque in hodiernum diem, officium prædictum occuparunt & adhuc occupant, & exitus & proficua inde per idem tempus provenientia perceperunt & habuerunt, & adhuc percipiunt & habent. Et ulterius iidem Cives dicunt, quod occasione seisinæ prædictarum libertatum & franchiseiarum, iidem Cives omnia proficua & perquisitiones Curiarum suarum, Mercati, tolneti, omnium & singulorum causa vendendi vel emendi ad eandem Civitatem confluentium, ac tam prædictas libertates & franchises eisdem Civibus per Dominum Regem nunc, seu aliquem progenitorum suorum concessas, & in eadem Civitate habitas & usitatas, a dicto xiiii^o die Marcii usque hodiernum diem totaliter amiserunt; unde non intendunt quod ex quo dictæ libertates & franchises, pro quibus iidem Cives eandem feodi firmam reddere tenebantur, in manus Domini Regis nunc ante diem solutionis dictarum Cxiii^l viii^s, seu alicujus [inde] parcellæ, seisiatæ fuerunt, quod

Dominus Rex nunc ipsos Cives in hoc casu occasionare seu impetere velit. Unde petunt iudicium, & quod ipsi occasione non solutionis dictarum Cxiii^l viii^s, in bonis & catallis terris vel tenementis nullatenus distringantur seu molestantur. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c, datus est dies præfatis Civibus usque a die Sancti Hillarii in xv dies, ad audiendum & faciendum quod &c. *here are several Continuances.* Et Johannes Vampage qui pro Domino Rege sequitur, non cognoscendo aliqua per dictos Cives superius allegata, pro placito pro eodem Domino Rege dicit, quod ipse ad materiam ipsorum Civium modo & forma per ipsos superius allegatam, idem Johannes Vampage pro eodem Domino Rege necesse non habet per legem terræ respondere; unde petit iudicium, & quod ipsi de Centum & tresdecim libris & octo solidis prædictis, pro firma dictæ Villæ Norwici onerentur, & quod ipsi eidem Domino Regi inde respondeant &c. Et quia Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam ulterius &c; *here follow many Continuances.* Ad quem diem prædicti Cives venerunt hic per dictum Attornatum suum. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, Assistentibusque eis Justiciariis de utroque Banco, Servientibus Domini Regis ad legem, ac Attornato ipsius Domini Regis, & aliis Legis peritis, Consideratum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædicti Cives de prædictis Cxiii^l viii^s per annum, ab eis exactis de feodi firma Villæ suæ, ut prædictum est, a prædicto xiiii^o die Marcii dicto anno xxi^o, quo die libertates & franchises Civitatis prædictæ in manum Regis captæ fuerunt & seisiatæ occasione prædicta ut prædictum est, usque Crastinum Sancti Martini anno regni Domini Regis nunc xxvi^o, quo die dictæ libertates & franchises eisdem Civibus per dictum Dominum Regem nunc restitutæ fuerunt, habend[æ] in forma qua iidem Cives ipsas ante captionem earundem in manus Regis prius tenuerunt, sicut plenius continetur in quodam brevi Domini Regis nunc de Banco, Thesaurario & Baronibus hujus Scaccarii directo, & irrotulato inter Brevia de Banco Regis de Termino Paschæ anno xxvi^o Regis nunc, Rotulo, ex parte alterius Rememoratoris, erga Regem exonerentur & quieti existant; Provisio semper quod Regi de exitibus & proficuis Comitatus Civitatis prædictæ, per illos qui officium Vicecom[itatus] prædicti occuparunt, & alios occupatores eorundem, per idem tempus fideliter respondeatur &c. *Mich. Communia 23 Hen. 6. Rot. 35.*

(f) *Firma Burgi cap. 11. sect. 2.*

CHAP. to K Henry VI, it is Shewn, That the City of York with the Suburb and Precincts thereof is a County of it self, separated from the County of York; That the Hundred or Wapentage of Aynsty is adjoining to the said City, and that the Mayor and Citifens are Bailifs in the said Hundred, and do receive and enjoy the Blodewytes, amercements, fines, assises of bread and beer, wayfes, and estrayes There; That every Mayor of the said City for the time being is Escheator within the City the suburb and precinct thereof, and was is and ought to be accomptable to the King in his Exchequer; And that the King by his Patent Letter which was to be in force for a certain term, granted to the said Mayor and Citifens, to enable them to wall the City, for the safeguard of it and of the adjacent parts, certain customs to be collected and levied upon all goods brought to the City to be sold, namely, for every summage of any kind of corn, an halfpeny; for every horse mare ox or cow, an halfpeny; *and many other duties*; so that the money arising thence be laid-out in enclosing the City, and to no other use. The King, considering the premisses, and recollecting that the said City is heavily burthened, by paying yearly to the Crown a great and notable Fee-ferm, besides taxes and other dues, and that it is at present empaired and decayed, and hath not for a long time past been aided and relieved by the presence of the King, his Court, Councils, or Parliaments, did freely grant by the said Patent Letter to the said Mayor and Citifens and their successors, that the said Hundred or Wapentage be united to the said City and be part of the County of the said City, and that the Mayor and Citifens shall hold and enjoy the same entirely franchised and privileged. The King doth also, for further relief of the City, grant to the Mayor and Citifens all goods of Felons, fugitives, outlaws, condemned persons, felons *de se*, and all Waifs, deodands, escheats, and other profits (g). In the reign of K Henry VII, the

(g) Rex Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Sciatis quod per quandam supplicationem per dilectos & fideles nostros Majorem & Cives Civitatis nostræ Ebor[aci] nobis præsentatam intelleximus, qualiter eadem Civitas Suburbia & procinctus ejusdem unus Comitatus per se, a Comitatu nostro Ebor[aci] divisus & separatus, existit, ac Comitatus Civitatis nostræ Ebor[aci] nuncupatur, prout tam per Literas patentes Domini R nuper [Regis] Angliæ secundi post conquestum Progenitoris nostri, quam per alias separales Literas patentes & confirmationes per Dominum H nuper Regem Angliæ Avum nostrum, ac per carissimum Dominum & patrem nostrum Regem defunctum, & Literas nostras patentes tempore nostro superinde confectas, de recordo plenius apparet; qualiter etiam hundredum sive Wapentagium de Aynsty prædictæ Civitati nostræ est adjacens, ac Major & Cives ejusdem Civitatis de & in hundredo sive Wapentagio prædicto Ballivi existunt, & omnimoda blodewytes amerciamenta fines assisas panis & cervisiæ Waifes & Estrayes inde habent & percipiunt; ac qualiter quilibet Major Civitatis nostræ prædictæ pro tempore existens, virtute dictarum concessionum & confirmationum Escaëtor infra Civitatem prædictam ac suburbia & procinctus ejusdem, ac nobis in Scaccario nostro computabilis fuit est & esse debet; ac etiam qualiter nos per Literas nostras patentes, per certum terminum annorum duraturas, concessimus Majori & Civibus prædictis in auxilium Civitatis prædictæ claudendæ, pro securitate & tuitione ejusdem ac parcium eidem adjacentium, certas custumas de rebus venalibus in & ad Civitatem prædictam venientibus vendendis colligendas & le-

vandas, per manus notabilium & fidelium hominum per Majorem & Cives prædictos ad hoc deputandorum, videlicet de quolibet summagio cujuslibet generis bladum venali unum obolum, de quolibet equo equa bove vel vacca venali unum obolum, de quolibet corio equi equæ bovis vel vaccæ frisco vel salito aut tannato venali unum quadrantem—
Here follow divers duties upon other goods; lanis coriis & pellibus lanutis, ac ferro & plumbo, duntaxat exceptis, unum obolum; Ita quod denarii inde provenientes circa clausuram Civitatis prædictæ, & non ad alios usus, ponantur & convertantur, prout per Literas nostras prædictas plenius apparet de recordo. Nos præmissa considerantes, ac qualiter Civitas nostra prædicta nimis graviter est onerata, Solvendo nobis annuatim quandam magnam & notabilem feodi firmam, ac taxas & alia onera, ac ad præsens diminuta & inde casu existit, & a tempore longinquo per præsentiam nostram Cur[iam] Consilia seu Parliamenta nostra minime fuit confortata auxiliata sive relevata, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus præfatis Majori & Civibus ac eorum Successoribus, absque aliquo fine seu feodo ad opus nostrum solvendo, quod hundredum sive Wapentagium prædictum cum pertinentiis Comitatus nostri dictæ Civitatis Ebor[aci] annexetur & uniatur, ac sit parcella ejusdem Comitatus, & quod dicta Civitas suburbia & procinctus, hundredum sive Wapentagium, & eorum quodlibet cum pertinentiis suis, ac omne id quod in eisdem & eorum quolibet continetur, excepto Castro nostro Ebor[aci], turribus fossis & fossatis eidem Castro pertinentibus, sint Comitatus prædictæ Civitatis Ebor[aci], separatus & divisus a Comitatu nostro

CHAP. the Town of *Bedford* was greatly decayed, many of the houses There gone to ru- S E C T.
 XI. ine, the Trade of it brought-low, and the usual issues of the Town diminished. VI.
 They besought the King to shew them his grace. Accordingly he granted to the
 Townsmen and their Successours, that the yearly Ferm which they paid to the
 Crown should be lessened (*b*).

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nostro Ebor[aci], tam per terram quam per
 aquam, & quod omnes Ballivi franchefiarum
 infra dictum Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis E-
 bor[aci] sint attendentes & obedientes solum-
 modo præceptis & mandatis Vicecomitum e-
 jusdem Comitatus dictæ Civitatis Ebor[aci],
 & non aliorum Vicecomitum, & quod Major
 & Cives prædicti habeant occupent & posside-
 ant prædictum hundredum sive Wapentagi-
 um cum pertinentiis, privilegiatum & fran-
 chesiatum, ac eis utantur & gaudeant plene &
 integre, ut parcella dicti Comitatus dictæ Ci-
 vitatis Ebor[aci], & quod omnes Vicecomites
 Comitatus Civitatis Ebor[aci] pro tempore ex-
 istentes, habeant plenam potestatem jurisdic-
 tionem & auctoritatem infra dictum hundre-
 dum sive Wapentagium, prout ipsi infra Co-
 mitatum nostrum Civitatis Ebor[aci] prædictæ
 habuerunt & habere consueverunt. Et ulte-
 rius de habundanti gratia nostra concessimus
 Majori & Civibus prædictis, ac eorum Suc-
 cessoribus, in relevamen Civitatis prædictæ,
 omnimoda bona & catalla felonum, fugitivo-
 rum utlagatorum, Waifes, dampnat[orum],
 felonum de se, deodanda convict[orum] foris-
 facturas, escaetas, proficua & reventiones eo-
 rundem, infra dictum Comitatum prædictæ
 Civitatis Ebor[aci] in futuro contingentia, abs-
 que aliquo compoto sive aliquo alio inde no-
 bis hæredibus sive Successoribus nostris red-
 dendo. Necnon de ampliori gratia nostra,
 concessimus Majori & Civibus prædictis, &
 eorum Successoribus imperpetuum, omnes &
 singulas custumas prædictas de rebus venali-
 bus, ad Civitatem nostram prædictam veni-
 entibus vendendis, absque aliquo compoto no-
 bis vel hæredibus seu Successoribus nostris in-
 de reddendo levand[as] & colligend[as], ad
 clausuram & supportationem murorum Civi-
 tatis prædictæ; Salvis semper Ecclesiæ Ebo-
 r[aci], quæ de fundatione Progenitorum no-
 strorum, ac nostro Patronatu existit, ac Ar-
 chiepiscopo Decano & Capitulo ejusdem pro
 tempore existentibus, ac eorum cuilibet, &
 cuicumque alii Communitati spirituali & tem-
 porali, & cuicumque alii personæ singulari,
 omnimodis franchesiis privilegiis juribus com-
 moditatibus & custumis, eis seu alicui eorum
 de jure pertinentibus; Ita quod per præsen-
 tem concessionem nostram, nullum præjudi-
 cium eis seu eorum alicui, in possessione seu
 proprietate juris aliquorum libertatum fran-
 chesiarum privilegiorum, jurium commodita-
 tum sive custumarum, unde ad præsens feisiti
 sive possessionati existunt, seu quæ eis perti-
 nent, fiat quovis modo. Eo quod expressa
 mentio de vero valore, sive annuo valore,
 rerum in præsentibus specificatarum, aut alio-
 rum donorum sive concessionum, per nos aut
 aliquem Progenitorum nostrorum, Majori &

Civibus prædictis, seu eorum Prædecessori-
 bus, ante hæc tempora factorum, in præsen-
 tibus habita non existit, aut aliquo statuto
 actu ordinatione, restrictione appunctuamen-
 to, sive alia re quacumque, in contrarium fa-
 cta, non obstante. In cujus &c. Teste Re-
 ge apud Westm[onasterium] xi^o die Februarii.
Originale 27 Hen. 6. Rot. 15.

(*b*) Villa Bed[fordia]. Compertum est in
 Magno Rotulo de anno xxi^o Regis nunc in
 Bed[fordia], quod exiguntur ibidem de ho-
 minibus Villæ Bedford[iæ] xlii / de feodi fir-
 ma Villæ prædictæ, computantibus de feodi
 firma prædicta a festo Sancti Michaelis Arch-
 angeli anno xxi^o Regis nunc, usque festum
 Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequens. De
 quibus iidem homines, per Hugonem Ereby
 & Johannem Hyche Ballivos suos, petunt ex-
 onerari de xxii / parcella prædictarum xlii /
 Eo quod Dominus Rex nunc Henricus viii^{us}
 per Literas suas patentes Curia hic ostensas,
 quarum data est apud Westm[onasterium]
 xliii^o die Maii anno regni sui xix^o, recitans
 per easdem Literas suas patentes, quod cum
 per quandam Inquisitionem apud Bed[fordi-
 am] coram Johanne Markham & aliis, virtu-
 te Literarum patentium Domini Henrici nu-
 per Regis Angliæ vi^{ti} Progenitoris Domini
 Regis nunc eis directarum captam, & coram
 ipso nuper Rege & Consilio suo retornatam,
 compertum fuerit quod Villa de Bed[fordia]
 Prædecessoribus tunc Majoris & Ballivorum
 Burgensium & Communitatis ejusdem Villæ
 & Successoribus suis concessa, in xli^a & sex li-
 bris annuatim ad Scaccarium dicti Progeni-
 toris dicti Domini Regis nunc & alibi, ultra
 viginti libras pro decimis cum acciderint, &
 præter alia onera solvendis, per nobiles pro-
 genitores ipsius nuper Regis onerata existit,
 eademque Villa in tam eximios decasum &
 ruinam ratione grandium onerum & paucita-
 tem Inhabitantium adtunc devenerat, quod
 dicta summa levare, aliaque onera in eadem
 Villa, absque injuriis & extortionibus homi-
 nibus Villam illam inhabitantibus & aliis de
 patria ad eandem accedentibus inferendis, ac
 destructione duorum Ballivorum in eadem
 Villa annuatim electorum nequiverant sup-
 portari, sicque Villa prædicta, nisi per dictum
 Regem de supportatione & relevamine pro-
 visum fuerat, de verisimili distructa fuisset,
 quodque in eadem Villa, post tempus quo
 Villa prædicta ad feodi firmam ut prædictum
 est locata & dimissa fuerat, nullus certus red-
 ditus nec certa denariorum firma ad opus di-
 ctorum tunc Majoris Burgensium Ballivorum
 & Communitatis percipienda sive levanda
 habebatur, præterquam viginti & quinque
 libræ undecim solidi & decem denarii & dimi-
 dium

CHAP. There were several advantages which a Corporate-Town had above a Town S E C T.
 XI. not-corporated. The incorporation fitted the Townsmen for a stricter Union VI.
 amongst

dium quadrantis, quæ adtunc proveniebant de certis tenementis in eadem Villa, contentis & specificatis in quodam hagabili inde de anno sexto & septimo Regis E. tertii post conquestum confecti, quorum quidem tenementorum in eodem hagabili specificatorum Centum Messuagia præantea ædificata & inhabitata adtunc totaliter devastata fuerant & destructa, quod nullus domus sive ædificium tunc remansit nisi solummodo centum tosta continentia solum sive fundum ubi dicta tenementa extiterant, Ita quod nichil de xliii^m libris novem solidis sex denariis & obolo nuper de eisdem tenementis provenientibus, parcella dictarum viginti & quinque librarum undecim solidorum decem denariorum & dimidii quadrantis, levare nec fieri potuit, centumque & quaterviginti alia messuagia in eadem Villa de prædictis tenementis in eodem hagabili contentis adtunc paucis munita ædificiis inhabitata non fuerat, set desolata & relicta, sicque exitus & proficua Curia theolonea & customæ Mercatorum & nundinarum ejusdem Villæ adtunc annis communibus valebant nisi viginti solidos & iii^r denarios. Eo quod quidam novus pons apud Villam de Bereford prope dictam Villam Bed[fordiæ] erectus fuerat, ducens ultra aquam de Ouse, per quem pontem communis fiebat transitus populorum ad alias Villas mercatorias, qui ad eandem Villam Bed[fordiæ] venire & confluere & aquam illam pertransire solebant, quod tam extrahere quam catalla waviata catalla felonum fugitivorum & utlagatorum theolonea & customæ, quæ ibidem per eosdem Majorem & Communitatem percipi debuerant, necnon concursus populorum prædictorum illuc solitus advenire, fere in toto & adiu fuerat substractus & elongatus, ac major pars hominum dictam Villam tunc inhabitantium, nisi eis de remedio ex gratia regia provisum fuerat, abinde recedere se disponebant, quodque prædicti Burgenfes & Communitas, ultra alia onera eis ibidem necessaria & indies incumbentia, subire & solvere nequiverant plus de dictis xl & sex libris feodi firmæ Villæ prædictæ quam viginti libras tantum, absque eorum finali destructione & Villæ illius perpetua desolatione. Quorum præmissorum consideratione, dictus nuper Rex de gratia sua speciali concessit præfatis Majori Ballivis Burgenfis & Communitati; quod ipsi & Successores sui pro termino sexaginta annorum, post datam Literarum patentium dicti Progenitoris dicti Domini Regis nunc, de xx^{ti} & sex libris parcella feodi firmæ supradictæ, erga eundem Progenitorem ejusdem Regis nunc hæredes & Successores suos quieti essent & exonerati, ipsosque Majorem Ballivos Burgenfes & Communitatem & Successores suos prædictos de eisdem viginti & sex libris annuatim, durante prædicto termino sexaginta annorum exoneraverit & penitus

per Literas suas prædictas acquietaverit, ut in Literis illis plenius continetur. Jamque ex parte nunc Majoris Ballivorum Burgenfis & Communitatis Villæ prædictæ, dicto Domino Regi nunc lamentabiliter fuit insinuaturn, quod ob causas supradictas aliaque onera eis indies incumbentia, vix & absque maxima eorum depauperatione ad solutionem dictarum viginti librarum annuarum sufficiant, quodque finito termino dictorum sexaginta annorum, si ad persolutionem dictæ integræ feodi firmæ, videlicet Ballivi Burgenfes & habitantes prædicti compelli debeant, abinde recedere & Villam illam totaliter desolatam necessitate ducti relinquere cogentur; unde eidem Domino Regi nunc humiliter [supplicarunt] eis munificentiam ipsius Domini Regis nunc regiam in ea parte gratiose impertiri. Igitur idem Dominus Rex, de gratia sua speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu suis, concessit per easdem Literas, pro se hæredibus & Successoribus suis, tunc Majori Ballivis Burgenfis & Communitati prædictæ Villæ Bedd[fordiæ], alias dictis Majori Ballivis & Burgenfis Villæ prædictæ, alias dictis hominibus Villæ prædictæ, alias dictis Burgenfis Villæ prædictæ, seu quocumque alio nomine aut nominibus ipsi nominentur & incorporati adtunc existerant, & Successoribus suis, quod ipsi & eorum Successores tantummodo essent onerati erga dictum Dominum Regem nunc & hæredes suos de viginti libris annuis, pro firma & feodi firma Villæ prædictæ imperpetuum, & quod ipsi & Successores de viginti sex libris annuis de feodi firma supradicta resid[uo], erga dictum Dominum Regem nunc hæredes & Successores suos quieti essent & exonerati imperpetuum, ipsosque Majorem Ballivos Burgenfes & Communitatem homines & Successores suos de viginti sex libris annuis exoneravit & penitus acquietavit imperpetuum. Idem Dominus Rex nunc volens ulterius & concedens præfatis Majori Ballivis Burgenfis Communitati & hominibus, quod ipsi & Successores sui habeant tot & talia brevina dicti Domini Regis nunc ex Cancellaria sua ac hæredum & Successorum suorum, quot & qualia eis pro exoneratione sua in ea parte necessaria essent & oportuna, aliquo Statuto ordinatione actu sive restrictione in contrarium factis seu faciendis in aliquo non obstantibus, prout in Literis patentibus dicti Domini Regis nunc, irrotulatis in memorandis hujus Scaccarii de anno xix^o Regis hujus, videlicet inter Recorda de Terminis Sanctæ Trinitatis Rotulo..., ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii, plenius continetur. Et visis præmissis per Barones, habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, ac pro eo quod Johannes Ernley Attornatus Domini Regis, præsens hic in Curia, per eosdem Barones allocutus si aliquid pro eodem Domino Rege dicere sciat, quare prædicti

CH A P. amongst themselves, for a more orderly and steady Government, and for a more S E C T
 XI. advantageous course of Commerce. But sometimes they made an ill use of those VI.
 advantages. Their Privileges and their Prosperity did now and then dispose them
 to be Insolent; and in particular to domineer over their Weaker neighbours. In
 the reign of K *Henry VII* and Before, there were continual variances between
 the Two Towns of *Dunwich* and *Southwold* in the County of *Suffolk*. *Dunwich*
 by the help of its incorporation and privileges oppressed *Southwold*, till K *Henry*
VII was pleased to interpose. In fine, it was thought proper to incorporate
Southwold, to enable it to bear up the better against the Town of *Dunwich* (i).
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dicti Homines Villæ prædictæ de prædictis
 xxii^l annuis, parcella feodi firmæ Villæ præ-
 dictæ, erga dictum Dominum Regem non
 exonerarentur, nichil dicit; Ideo considera-
 tum est per eosdem Barones, quod prædicti
 Homines de prædictis xxii^l per annum, par-
 cella feodi firmæ prædictæ, erga Dominum
 Regem exonerentur & quieti existant prætex-
 tu præmissorum. Mich. Communia 22 Hen. 7.
 Rot. 32. a.

(i) Rex omnibus ad quos &c salutem. In-
 speximus quendam Actum in Parlamento
 nostro apud Westm[onasterium] tertiodécimo
 die Januarii anno regni nostri quarto tento &
 abinde per diversas prorogationes & contin-
 uationes usque ad vicesimum quintum diem
 Januarii anno regni nostri quinto continuato
 & tunc tento factum & editum in hæc verba.
 Where many great variaunces and debatis
 have long tyme beyn had and contynued
 betwene the bailliffs and Commonaltie of
 Dunwich in the County of Suff[olk], the
 which is a Towne corporat, on the oon par-
 tie, and the Inhabitants of Southwold of the
 same Countie, which is a Towne not corpo-
 rat, on the oder partie, the which Townes
 beyn within space of two miles togiders, for
 that the same Bailliffs and Comminaltie
 claymed of every Ship of every of the same
 Inhabitants of Soutwold comyng into the ha-
 ven of Dunwich betwene the same Townes
 vii^l yerely, and of every bote of xii
 Ores of every of the same Inhabitantis yerely
 liii^s, and of every bote of ii ores of every of
 the same Inhabitantis yerely ii^s, and alsoo of
 every Ship yerely for ankorage in the same
 Haven iii^d. All which the seid Inhabitantis
 of Southwold denyed, seying they owed not
 any such charges to bere. Nevertheles as-
 wele the seid Bailliffs and Commonaltie as
 the seid Inhabitantis of Southwold, consider-
 yng aswele the grete hurt and inconvenience
 that have fallen and hereafter were like to fall
 by occasion of the seid variaunces, by medi-
 acion of Sir Henry Heydon Knyght, James
 Hubert the Kyngis Attorney, Edmund Jen-
 ney, and John Yaxley, appoynted therto by
 the Lordis of the Kyngis moost Honorable
 Councell, before whome the compleyntes of
 the seid variaunces were dependyng, in es-
 chewyng of such hurtis and inconvenyencis
 as were like to ensue, and for rest and amyte
 to be had and contynued for evermore be-
 twene them in that behalfe, bene now accor-

did and agreed for them and their Successours
 for evermore in fourme ensuyng, that is to
 sey, that the said Inhabitantis and all theire
 Successours and other Inhabitantis hereafter to
 be in the seid Towne of Southwold, and eve-
 ry of them, and their Shippes and botes, be
 utterly quyte and discharged of all the seid
 customes summes and paymentis before this
 tyme or now claymed by the seid Bailliffs
 and Comminaltie, or by any of their Succes-
 sours, or by any of their Predecessours, here-
 after to be claymed. The Kyng our Sove-
 raigne Lord consideryng the seid accorde
 and agrement to be cause of contynued peace
 profite and ease of bothe the seide Townes,
 to thadvoydyng of the great inconvenyencis
 the which myght ensue by occasion of the
 seid variancis, willyng therfor the same ac-
 corde and agrement to be put in perfight
 suretie of perpetuall contynuaunce, by the ad-
 vyse of the Lordis spirituall and temporall
 and Comyns in this present Parliament assem-
 bled, and by auctorite of the same enactith
 ordeynith and establisith, that the Inhabi-
 tantis of the seid Towne of Soutwold nowe
 beyng or hereafter to be fromhenceforth be
 oon person and oon Comminaltie, and that
 the same Towne be a Towne corporat of ii
 Bailliffs and Comminaltie for evermore, and
 by the name of Bailliffs and Comminaltie
 plede and be impleded, answeare and be an-
 swerid, in all manner actions sutes quarellis
 and causes, and by the same name purchase
 and reteyne londis tenementis and heredita-
 mentis goodis catallis and other possessions,
 and that the same Bailliffs and Comminaltie
 have fromhensforth a Comen Seale, and that
 Robert Bishop and William Godill be Bail-
 liffs of the same Towne unto the fest of Seint
 Nicholas that shalbe in the yere of our Lord
 God MCCCCCLXXXX^o, and that yerely in
 the same fest, or at any voydance of the
 place of any of the seid Bailliffs, the Com-
 minaltie of the same Towne assemble togin-
 der in a House convenient in the same Towne,
 and choose oder ii Bailliffs of them selfe, fro
 yere to yere and tyme to tyme for evermore,
 and that the same ii Bailliffs and Comminaltie
 of Southwold and every Inhabitant nowe be-
 yng or hereafter to be of the same Towne,
 and their Successours, and every Ship and
 bote of them and every of them be from-
 hensforth for evermore quyte and discharged,
 aswele ayenst the Kynge our Sovereynne
 Lord and his Heires Kyngis of Englonde, as
 ayenst

CHAP. It is true, the Cities and Towns of *England* (like as all other Persons and ag-S E C T.
XI. gregate Bodies of men) were subject to Vicissitude. Sometimes they were in VI.

Prosperity, at other times in Decay. When they were in Prosperity, their Fee-
farm and other Prestations seemed Light; when in Decay, Heavy. But when the
King of *England* in ancient times charged his Towns or other Demeanes with
any Duty or Prestation, it was His constant manner to act by the rule of Justice
Equity and Honour. And in general, as oft as the circumstances of their case re-
quired Relief or Merciful Treatment, they used to find the King a Benign and
Gracious Patron. In fine. The Grace and Indulgence of the Kings of *England*
to their Cities Towns and Burroughs should be a powerful motive to engage them
from time to time to a Loyal and Dutiful behaviour towards the King their Pa-
tron and Benefactor.

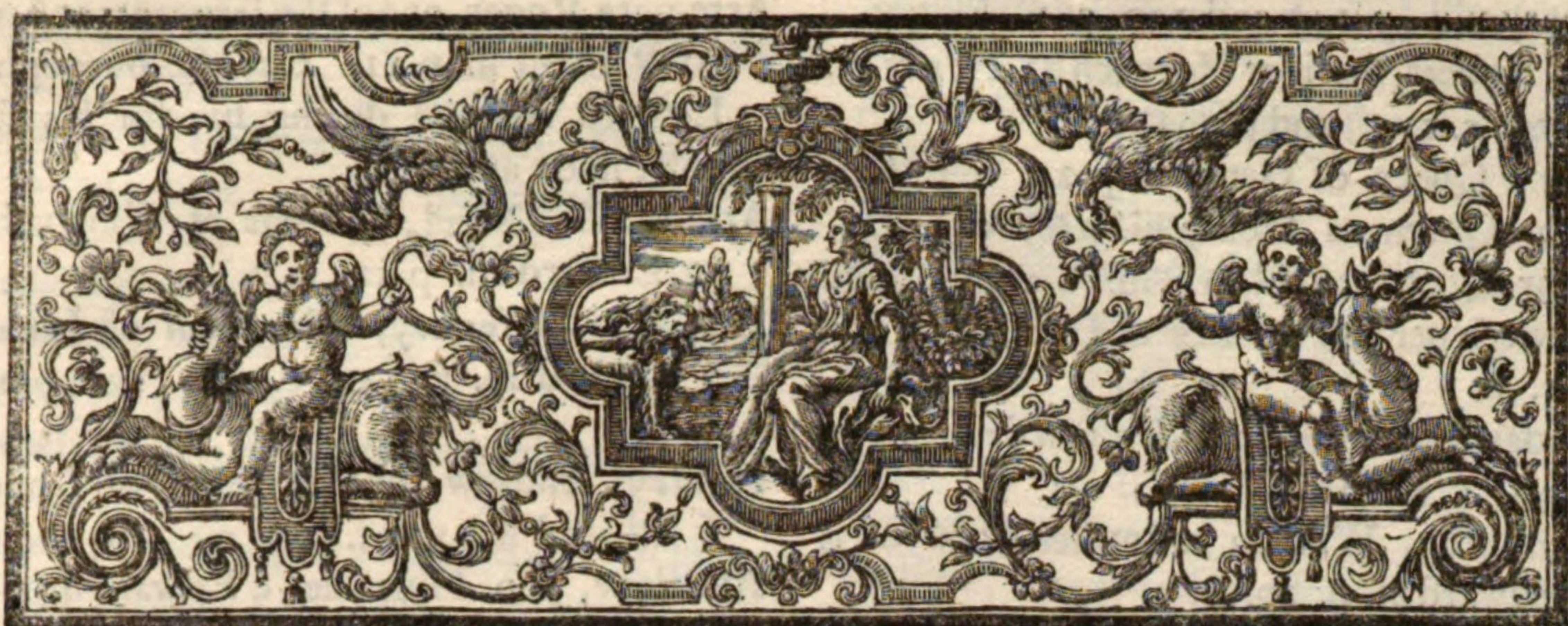
ayenst the seid Baillifis and Comminaltie of
Dunwich as their Successours, and ayenst e-
very Inhabitant of the same Towne nowe be-
yng or hereafter to be, of and [from] all the
seid Customes somes of money and paymentis
before this tyme claymed or had, or hereafter
to be had or claymed, of any of the Inhabi-
tantis of the seid Towne of Southwold, by
the said Baillifis and Commonaltie of Dun-
wich and their Successours; And that the
same Baillifis and Comminaltie of Dun-
wich and their Successours, be from hensforth
excluded for evermore of the seid Customes
and paymentis by them before this tyme
claymed or had, or hereafter to be claymed
or had of any of the Inhabitants of the seid
Towne of Southwolde, savyng to the same
Baillifis and Comminaltie of the seid Towne
of Dunwich and to their Successours their cu-
stomes paymentis and dueties, the which they
owe to have of any other person not beyng
nowe or hereafter to be Inhabitant in South-
wold aforesaid, And that the seid Baillifis and
Comminaltie of Dunwich, and their Succes-
sours, from hensforth shall have noo power
to make any maner arest of any person at a
certain place within the seid Haven nowe cal-
lid the Key, and otherwise callid the Wodef-
end, nor from hensforth to the seid Towne
of Southwold savyng nevertheles to the seid
Baillifis and Comminaltie of Dunwich, and to
their Successours, all such jurisdiction title and
interesse as they have or ought to have agayn
or of any person in any oder place within the
seid Haven. Inspeximus etiam quasdam re-
sponsiones eidem actui per nos & Communi-
tates regni nostri Angliæ separatim factas, in
hæc verba. A cest Bill les Communes sount
assentz. Le Roy le veult. Nos autem actum
& responsiones prædictas, ad requisitionem
prædictorum Roberti Bishop & Willelmi Go-
dill, ac aliorum Inhabitancium dictæ Villæ
de Southwold, duximus exemplificandas per
præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium has Lite-
ras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me-
ipso apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo octa-

vo die Februarii anno regni nostri quinto.
Sciatis nos de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex
certa scientia & mero motu nostris, actum
prædictum ac omnia & singula præmissa in
actu prædicto contenta & specificata, accep-
tasse & approbasse, ac ea omnia & singula pro
nobis hæredibus & Successoribus nostris, Wil-
helmo Godill & Henrico Joye nunc Ballivis
Villæ nostræ de Southwold prædictæ ac Com-
munitati ejusdem Villæ, ac Successoribus suis,
ratificasse & confirmasse per præsentes. Et
etiam nos considerantes quod prædicta Villa
in Costera maritima scituata, & parcella Ma-
nerii sive Dominii nostri de Southwold præ-
dicti existit, & quod Navigium Inhabitantium
ejusdem Villæ per ipsorum industriam præ-
cæteris antiquioribus privilegiatis Villis par-
cium illarum propinquiorum, jampridem pro
utilitate nostra & defensione parcium ac Cost-
erarum maritimarum Comitatus prædicto ad-
jacentium supereminebat & præcellebat, ta-
men ut informamur ob defectum congruarum
ordinationum inibi non habitatum nec a no-
bis adeptarum, Inhabitantes ejusdem Villæ ad
quamplurima dampna & injurias notorias, ob
defectum sanarum ordinationum & boni regi-
minis pervenerunt, unde nos congruum reme-
dium providere cupientes, de gratia nostra
speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu
nostris, dedimus & concessimus, ac pro nobis
& hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est da-
mus & concedimus, prædictis nunc Ballivis
& Communitati ejusdem Villæ, ac eorum
Successoribus, dictum Manerium sive Domi-
nium nostrum de Southwold prædictum, ac
eandem Villam nostram de Southwold, aceti-
am omnia & singula mesuagia terras tenemen-
ta redditus reversiones & servitia possessiones
& hæreditamenta nostra quæcumque in eadem
Villa—. *The King granteth them several other
profits, Rendring yearly to the King his heirs
and successors xvj. He also granteth them many
Franchises. Teste Rege apud Westm[onasterium]
x^o die Junii. Originale 20 Hen. 7.
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